

Church News

Rallies Scheduled For Youth Week

The First Church of God Youth fellowship will be hosts Saturday, Jan. 26, for 100 young people from the Churches of God in southern Oregon for a Youth rally in connection with national observance of Youth week.

The Rev. Wendell Wallace, a Negro evangelist from Portland, will be the featured speaker and a Negro Calvary quintet also from Portland will provide the music for the rally.

The services will begin at 2 p.m. at the First Church of God, Haven and Holly sts., and continue until 7:30 p.m. when an evangelistic service will be held.

Interchurch Youth
The second annual Medford Interchurch Youth rally will be held at the First Methodist church Sunday, Feb. 3, at 5 p.m. More than 150 young people are expected to attend from the ten participating churches.

The rally, which will climax Youth week, will use as its theme "Consider Your Call." Greg Milness will be moderator and speakers will include Tim Hillerman, Zion Lutheran; Kay Nicodemus, Phoenix Presbyterian; and Larry Smith, Friends. They will speak on "All Are Called to be Christians," "Some Are Called to Christian Vocations," and "All Are Called."

Churches assisting are Assembly of God and youth choir; Episcopal; First Christian and Nazarene, refreshments that will be served after the rally at the YMCA; First Methodist, ushering; Friends; Presbyterian, Medford and Phoenix, registration; First Baptist, scripture; and Zion Lutheran.

A radio play on radio station KMED will be given Wednesday, Jan. 30 during the afternoon. The program will be sponsored by the Interchurch Youth council and members of the council will take part in promoting the rally. A similar program will appear on KBES-TV Thursday, Jan. 31, at 5:50 p.m.

Churches of Christ
Saturday, Feb. 2, the Churches of Christ and Christian churches in the Central Point area will sponsor a Youth rally at the Church of Christ, Third and Oak

Attendance Awards To Be Given Sunday

Attendance awards will be given at First Church of the Nazarene Sunday school to 169 persons for having perfect Sunday school attendance. A special assembly session will be held at the close of Sunday school Sunday in the church at 520 North Holly st.

An eight-year perfect attendance pin will be awarded Arnold Korstad, with Ruth Goble, Marvin Smith, Gerry and Janet Bohl, Orpha Leschensky, Mary Foster, Gladys and Cheryl Stewart receiving special recognition for having eight and one-half years of perfect attendance.



YOUTH WEEK BEGINS—Young people at Eastwood Baptist church check details with the Rev. Richard M. Jones, pastor, after being assigned duties for the Sunday morning services Jan. 27. Pictured are Carol Anderson (left), who will give the call to worship; Mike Miller, invocation; Mr. Jones; and Gary Fields, who will lead in the responsive reading. In the foreground are Suzanne Pierce, who will read the scripture portion, and Julia Parrish, who will lead the singing. Young people will also usher during the morning worship hour. Mr. Jones will speak on "The Finger of God" and the choir will sing, "Accept Our Thanks." Another group of youths will assist in the service Feb. 3.

Lt. Johnstone Transferred to Spokane, Wash.

Lieutenant and Mrs. George Johnstone, commanding officers for the last three years of the Medford Salvation Army, will leave Wednesday, Jan. 30, for Spokane, Wash., where he will assume command of the Salvation Army work there.

Captain William Ricken of Portland will report January 31 to assume duties here. Capt. Ricken, who has completed 12 years of Salvation Army service, has served at Tacoma, Wash.; Denver, Colo.; San Francisco, and several Corps in Oregon prior to being assigned to the divisional staff with headquarters in Portland.

He will be accompanied to Medford by Mrs. Ricken and their four children.

Lt. Johnstone has been stationed in Los Angeles and Centralia, Wash. prior to reporting to Medford. His last official act here will be to receive, on behalf of the Salvation Army in Jackson county, the Jackson county disaster bus unit in a ceremony to be conducted Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Friends Pastor Attends Meeting

Clynton Crisman, pastor of the Friends church, and Dr. Alvin Roberts flew to Portland Tuesday for two-day meetings of the Board of Evangelism of Oregon Yearly Meeting of Friends churches. The board supervises the starting of new mission churches in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Sunday the pastor will speak at the three worship services, 9:45 and 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Music will be furnished by soloist, Mrs. P. K. Nelson, in the morning and ladies trio in the evening. Sunday School for junior high through college age young people is held at 11 a.m. with all other ages meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Bayard Stone will lead the senior Christian Endeavorers in the "Science and Religion" at 6:30 p.m., with junior and intermediate C. E. groups also meeting at that time. Newly appointed sponsors for the intermediates are Mr. and Mrs. Deane Roberts.

Church Officials Elected at Annual Corporation Meeting

Church officers were elected by the First Presbyterian church at the annual congregational and corporation meeting held last week at the church.

Elder-trustees elected for three year terms were Lloyd Evans, Mrs. George Flanagan, Fred Fry, Dr. William Holt, Albert James, Robert Rukovina, Otis Swisher, and George Witter. Deacons elected for the same period were Ross Gilkinson, A. J. Johannson, Richard Marsh, Kenneth Newland, Fred Purdin, James Jempe, and Mrs. Marie Ulrich.

Three deacons elected to one year terms were George Brownell, Carrol Hays, and Mrs. Grover Corum.

Two Plays To Be Discussed Sunday

A discussion of the two, "The Dark is Light Enough," and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," will be led by the Rev. Jack Taylor at the School of Christian Living interest group, Religion and the Arts. Miss June Wheaton's guests at the interest group, "Missions, U.S.A." will be Everett Faber and Mrs. C. R. Adamson discussing "Missions through Mass Communications." "Role Playing" will be presented under the leadership of Miss Grover Corum. "Creative Activities in the Church School" interest group, "Doctrines and Beliefs of the Methodist Church" will be presented in the Membership class led by Mrs. Anne Gorby, minister of membership.

Senior High M.Y.F. will serve the snack supper at 6:30 p.m., and will continue their assistance in the Inspiration Time, led by the Rev. G. A. Troughout, "The Measure of a Man."

Junior High M.Y.F. at 5:30 p.m. with Fireside at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Heatherington.

ARTICLES FILED
Salem—UR—Articles of incorporation were filed Wednesday for St. Luke's Methodist church, Medford. They were signed by G. A. Dierdorff, Walter M. Higgins, Norman T. Capsey, D. L. Gressett and Clifford A. Platz.

Seminar to Preach At St. Mark's Sunday

Francis Lee Winder, a senior classman of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific at Berkeley, Calif., will be the guest preacher at St. Mark's Episcopal church at 11 a.m. Sunday.

His visit will be in concert with the nationwide observance by the Episcopal church of "theological education Sunday" when the attention of the whole church is focused upon the work and needs of the 12 Episcopal seminaries in the U.S.A.

The Church Divinity school at Berkeley is the only west coast seminary and is the main source of clergy supply for the western dioceses and missionary districts. A special offering will be taken and devoted to the support of the Berkeley school. The Rev. George Bolster, rector of St. Mark's; the Rev. John Bright, a graduate of the Church Divinity School; and Jerome McDougall, lay reader, and superintendent of St. Mark's Church school will also participate in the service.

Phoenix Presbyterian Church Elects Officers

Officers for the Phoenix First Presbyterian church were elected recently at the annual congregational meeting. Elder-trustees elected for one year terms were Mrs. Jim Gardner, Mrs. Al Morin, Mrs. Ray Clafflin and Mrs. Art Thompson.

For two year terms Ed Caldwell, John Stewart, Charles J. Marrs, and William Johnston were elected elder-trustees and for three year term, J. O. N. Oling, Claude Hutton, C. Stothers, and Fred Prammann.

At the meeting the Board of Trustees and the Board of Session were united as one board to act for the church.

Church officers were installed by the Rev. Ernest Volkman, pastor, following the morning service Jan. 13.

BUILDER'S CLASS DINNER

The first annual Builder's Class Men's dinner will be held on Jan. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Wesley hall of the First Methodist church. Walter Higgins will be the featured speaker who will speak on "Taking Your Religion To Work." A movie on the Rogue River will be shown. Gordon Morris is the Builder's class teacher; Cleo Epps will be the master of ceremonies.

JACKSONVILLE SERVICE

The Chancel choir of the First Presbyterian church, Medford, will sing at the 11 a.m. worship service at the First Presbyterian church, Jacksonville. The Rev. John O. Reynolds will preach and communion will be served.

'Changing America' Makes Problems for Churches

The rapidly changing "face" of America is making costly and almost insurmountable problems for the churches of nation. Directors Robert A. McKibben, city church work authority, and Glenn F. Sanford, rural specialists reported to the Board of Missions, Methodist church.

The changes of the American scene include the rapid growth of population, the shifting of population from rural and village areas to city and suburban residence, the "turnover" in population with millions moving from state to state yearly, the new millions in schools or needing schools, and the greater numbers of "senior citizens" because of increasing life expectancy.

Smaller Rural Churches

These changes mean fewer people in rural churches, and therefore the closing of many small churches, the need for new and enlarged churches in many old and new urban residence areas, and the falling off of membership in many "downtown churches" in the larger cities because people no longer live in the vicinity of these churches. The costs of building new churches, in both old and new communities, is far in excess of funds available, these Methodist leaders said. Within the next three years, they estimated the Methodist church should erect 1,500 new churches, or complete more than one a day. These would cost \$219,000,000. The directors note also that there are 1,300 "abandoned" Methodist churches, mostly in rural areas, and that a large percentage of them should be reopened if possible.

The Board's department of city work is planning to hold a "Convocation on Urban Life" in February, 1958, when city church leaders from all over the nation will study this problem and plan "a Methodist advance in the cities." Meanwhile survey teams will be at work in each state and conference to map general plans for meeting "the challenge of the city to the church."

Dr. Sanford

Dr. Sanford noted that a recent survey shows that 57.5 per cent of Methodists live in rural areas, and are served by more than 12,000 open country and village churches—that "the Methodist church is composed largely of small parishes and is generally rural in nature and interests."

"But the fastest growing group of people in America are the non-farmers who live in the rural areas," he said. "They may

be engaged in industries and trades in the villages or travel to the towns for work. Where the non-farming rural residents live in the same communities as the farmers, there is created a difficult problem for the local rural church: there is a clash of interests, of schedules, sometimes of cultural patterns. In many places it becomes necessary to relocate and often to consolidate existing rural churches to meet some of the situations that arise.

"In many other places the urban trend has caused many of the small rural churches to become smaller—and has even resulted in the closing or abandonment of some.

"The urban trend, together with the growth of a non-farming and very mobile population in the village communities, have confronted the Methodist church with what is perhaps its greatest problem in this century; the training and providing of adequate leadership and the establishment of an effective program for the small churches. If there is any basis for the oft-repeated statistic that it takes about 500 church members to give adequate support to a pastor and his family (under current American economic conditions), then it is evident that the one-church or "station" parish is not feasible in much of rural and village America.

"The general spread of educational advantages throughout the nation has created a new demand upon the church. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that 9,335,000 young people are enrolled in schools this academic year—an all-time high enrollment. This is a blessing to America and it speaks well for the future of the nation. But it places a demand upon the Methodist church and others to provide adequate and trained religious leadership for these young people. If their leaders in all other walks of life are college-trained specialists, they will require similar training in their ministries—or they will drift away from the church's influence.

FAMILY NIGHT

Family night will be held at the First Presbyterian church, Phoenix, this evening starting at 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
"The Friendly Church"
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Bible School — 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service — 10:50 a.m.
Youth Meeting — 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service — 7:30 p.m.
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VOCATIONAL CONFERENCE—Young people at First Presbyterian church, Phoenix, discuss with the Rev. Ernest R. Volkman, pastor, the vocational conference that is being held at their church Sunday evenings. Started Jan. 20, five speakers, representing as many vocations, will be heard by the group. Shown are (seated) Elizabeth Pramann, Virginia Martin and Marilyn Beeson; (standing) Henry

Scott, Charles Swingle, Douglas James, Jim James and Mr. Volkman. Peggy Chisum is at the blackboard. The topic Sunday will be dentistry. All meetings are held in the fireside room at the church and start at 7:30 p.m. This is the second year for the vocational conference. Five different vocations were discussed last year.

Church Programs to Honor Christian Youth

Many churches in the valley are observing Youth Week, sponsored by United Christian Youth Movement, this Saturday and Sunday besides the several scheduled youth rallies this weekend and next.

At First Baptist church, North Central at Fifth, the Ambassadors, a women's sextet composed of students from the Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, will present a service of sacred song at a Youth for Christ meeting, Saturday, Jan. 26, at 8 p.m.

Robert Meyer, a Multnomah student preparing for the ministry, will bring the message for the evening.

In observance of National Youth Week, the entire evening service Sunday at the First Christian church will be conducted by the Christian Youth fellowship. Miss Virginia Daniels, Steve Parrish, Max Johnson, and Lynn Segar will give the sermon "The Whole Armor of God." Miss Oveta Waldon will lead the singing and a musical selection will be given by the youth quartette.

Presbyterian Services

Several of the young people will help in the 9:45 a.m. church worship service at the First Presbyterian church, Central Point.

At the First Presbyterian church, Medford, the young people of the church will share in both morning services with Dr. D. Kirkland West in observance of Westminster Fellowship day. At the 9:45 a.m. service James Garris, and Carol McKeown will participate. Dick Corum, Carolyn Hedrick, Nelda Jenkins, and David Frohnmayer will share in the second service.

The Westminster choir will sing the anthem "Invocation," and Denise Bruning and Joyce Gregory will sing a duet "Speak

'JOHN WESLEY' FILM

"John Wesley," a feature length film dealing with the life and ministry of the founder of the Methodist movement, will be shown at the First Baptist church Sunday at 6:15 p.m. This color motion picture deals with the events and incidents in Wesley's life that best portray his long, anxious struggle to find a satisfying experience of God. Following the film the church will hold its regular Sunday evening service. The sermon will be brought by the assistant pastor, the Rev. Hadden Robinson.

Rogue Valley Youth for Christ



Presenting . . .

"THE AMBASSADorettes"

A woman's sextet of students from the Multnomah school of the Bible of Portland, Oregon, in a sacred concert of music.

Saturday, January 26th, 8 p.m. at the Medford

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

5th and Central

Mr. Robert Meyer from the Multnomah School will bring the message of the evening.

This is an outstanding group of singers and much in demand all over the Pacific Northwest, where they have been bringing concerts to rallies and meetings in various churches.

Synod President To Install Zion's Council

Zion Lutheran church, corner of Fourth and Oakdale, will have the special order of the installation of a church council at its worship service Sunday, a 11 a.m.

The president of the Pacific Synod of the United Lutheran church, the Rev. L. H. Steinhoff, will be present to conduct the installation and to preach the sermon for the day.

At its annual congregational meeting on Jan. 14, the church elected three men, Ryder Berg, Dan Kadin and Walter Nunley to the council for three years each, and Otto Ewaldsen to a two year term. Other men being installed from former elections are: Bruce Braaten, William Gates, Robert Glatbar, Bernard Niehaus and Ross Turman.

Officers for the coming year are: president, Pastor Hillerman; vice-president, Otto Ewaldsen; secretary, Ryder Berg; treasurer, Bruce Branten, and financial secretary, Hugo Guenther.

Reports at the annual meeting showed steady advances in the work of the church and the development of the building program. Advance in the building include a substantial increase in the funds available for construction, completion of a study of the programming of the church, and the application of this information by three architects to preliminary plans for the proposed parish-education building, and the selection of Ben Cave of Salem as the architect to do the work.

Persons interested in Zion Lutheran church are invited to attend the service.

Rev. Hillerman to Install Pastor

The Pacific Synod of the United Lutheran Church has appointed Rev. G. H. Hillerman, pastor of the local Zion Lutheran church, to install the Rev. H. Edward Hamme as pastor of the Hope Lutheran church of Klamath Falls.

The installation service will take place at the worship service Sunday, Jan. 27 in Klamath Falls.

Mr. Hamme comes to Klamath Falls from Boise, Ida., where he had served a mission congregation.

Mr. Hillerman will go to Klamath Falls Sunday to conduct the installation. Following the services the two pastors will leave for Portland to attend the pre-lenten retreat of the Pacific Synod. Mr. Hillerman will return to Medford Thursday evening.

METHODIST MEN

The Methodist Men of the First Methodist church will hold a noon luncheon on Thursday, Jan. 31, at the church. Walter Higgins, will preside, and the minister, Dr. Raymond E. Balcomb, will bring the brief message. The dismissal will be promptly at 12:50 p.m.

UNITY TRUTH CENTER

Sunday Devotional Service and Sunday School for Children 11 a.m. Regular Center Activities: Thursday, Midweek Service 7:30 p.m., Friday morning Study Class 11 a.m.

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