

Church News

Youths Attend Convention; Evangelism Services Planned

Members of the Walther League of St. Peter Lutheran church, 1020 East Main st., left today for Portland to attend the Winter state convention of the organization. A number of families from St. Peter congregation supplied the transportation and acted as counselors for the young people.

The Walther League, youth organization of the Missouri Synod Lutheran church, is an international organization comprised of more than 3,000 groups.

The convention will provide training and opportunity in group activity, worship and Bible study, reports and discussions for future projects.

Members of the local group that attended include Roberta and Jeanne Gemehlich, Roberta Lee Danielson, Dennis Henderson, Barbara Bever, Curtis Holmes, Bonnie Schrein, Tom Kersten, Herman Korpi, Adele Schrein, Bruce Boldenow, Bud Bever, Judy Jarvis, Bill Rupp, Roy Knoebel, Dennis Strauss, and David Havilleck.

College President Friends Speaker

Milo C. Ross, president of George Fox college, Newberg, and radio minister of the "Quaker Hour," will be guest speaker at the Friends church Sunday at the three worship services: 9:45 and 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Soloist for the morning services will be Mrs. P. K. Nelson and there will be anthems by the youth and adult choirs. At 7:30 p.m. there will be a duet by Kay Johnson and Gary Smith and trombone solo by Jack Hamilton.

The congregation of Talent Friends church will dismiss their 7:30 p.m. service and join with the Medford group to hear President Ross, James Bishop, public relations director of George Fox college, will speak to the opening assemblies of Sunday School at 9:45 and 11 a.m.

At 3:30 p.m. an informal social hour will be held at the parsonage for alumnae and former students of George Fox college living in the southern Oregon area. Milo Ross and James Bishop will meet with the group to give latest news of the college and explain plans for a debt retirement program.

Other local appearances of the two representatives from the college will be at a dinner for Friends high school seniors Monday evening at the home of Dr. Wayne Roberts and at Crater high school Monday where President Ross will address seniors interested in hearing about George Fox college and will speak to the Bible club.

Ministers to Meet Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church

The Medford Ministerial association will meet Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 10 a.m. in the first place room of the First Presbyterian church, Medford.

Dr. Hyman J. Appelman, evangelist, who is conducting a two-week revival at the First Baptist church in Medford, will speak to the group. The Rev. George A. Trobough, First Methodist church, will give the devotion.

The association is open to ministers of all denominations and churches in the area.



EVANGELIST—The Rev. J. H. Philpot of Fredonia, Kan., will be the speaker for a series of evangelistic services at the Pilgrim Holiness church, Jackson at Bessie st., starting Tuesday, Feb. 12, through Feb. 24 each evening at 7:30 p.m. except Mondays. The public is invited to attend.

Eastwood Baptists Select Committee

Dr. L. Paul Walker was elected chairman of the building committee of the Eastwood Baptist church, North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway, recently, and Mrs. William Garner was elected secretary.

The committee is composed of the combined planning committee and the Board of Trustees and is entrusted with the responsibility of completing the present church building with the funds now made available by the American Baptist Home Mission Boards. Other members of the committee are: James Ticer, Herbert Fields, Stanley G. Parish, Harold Hewlett, Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini, Kenneth McHugh, Keith Mobley, Maurice Tuttle, and William Garner.

Work has already begun toward completion of the present church plant, and will continue through the spring. Landscaping of the grounds will begin as soon as the soil is workable.

Eastwood Baptist Church is located north of Hedrick Junior High school.

Capt. Ricken Reports to Corps Here for Duty

Capt. William E. Ricken and Mrs. Ricken assumed duties as commanding officers of the Medford Salvation Army corps Feb. 1. They were transferred here from the divisional staff with headquarters in Portland.

Capt. Ricken, who has completed nearly 12 years of Salvation Army service, entered Salvation Army Training college at San Francisco in 1944 from Tacoma, Wash. After graduation he was assigned to the Denver, Colo., Temple corps where he served for three years. He has since served in San Francisco, Idaho Falls, Coos Bay, Portland Temple, Portland St. John's and Salem prior to reporting here.

Capt. Ricken has served as secretary of the American Camping association Oregon section for the past year, and has been active in the Oregon Council of Churches, National Association of Social Workers, and Oregon Conference of Social Workers. He has also been active in Kiwanis.

Medford is not new to the Ricken's as they have visited the city while on field trips throughout the state when they were stationed in Portland on the divisional staff.

Mrs. Ricken is the former Miss Violet Hart of Denver. The couple have four children, three boys and a girl.



Capt. and Mrs. William E. Ricken

Building Committee To Tour Churches

Several members of the Medford Seventh-day Adventist church building committee will leave Saturday night for a tour of church buildings in Oregon and Washington. Committee members include the pastor, Elder John Trude, Dr. A. E. Merkel, Dr. Bernard Thompson, R. G. Gregg, G. J. Lange, E. F. Burrill, Oral Tucker, F. W. Bigger, and Edwin Fjarli.

The group will bring a report to the church concerning plans observed in the churches visited which could be incorporated into the church building program here. Medford Seventh-day Adventists have purchased a plot of ground on Crestbrook, just off Barnett road, and plans are being formulated for the construction of a new church building on that site.

Boy Scout Sunday To Be Observed

The observance of Boy Scout Sunday will be heightened at St. Mark's Episcopal church by the presentation of the God and Country Award to three Explorer Scouts who are active members of the parish.

James Boyd, Dewey Gail, and Harold Sexton have completed the necessary studies and activities during the past year, and the awards will be presented to them by the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, at the 11 a.m. service Sunday.

The rigorous requirements of this award include that the boy have an intelligent awareness of the basic tenets of the Christian Faith as taught by his church, and a knowledge of the church's missionary work. He must also have completed at least 140 hours of work at the altar either as an acolyte or an assistant in some way with the church service.

Other Scouts and Explorers participating in the service will include Leon McDougall, Greg Milnes and Bill Dames. The recipients will be congratulated by J. A. McDougall, scout commissioner. The Rev. John A. Bright will preach.

ST. MARTIN'S MISSION

Shady Cove-Trail — St. Martin's Episcopal mission services will be held Sunday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the music room of Shady Cove school. Hal Todd will be lay reader. A coffee hour will follow the service.

MEETING TONIGHT

Dr. Richard Lewis of the Pacific Press publishing association will speak Friday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at a meeting at the Valley View Seventh-Day Adventist church, South Stage rd.

Pilgrim Fellowship Members Attend Portland Meet

Six young people from the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Medford Congregational church and nine from the similar group in its Ashland Congregational church left for Portland today for the annual conference of the state Pilgrim Fellowship being held at the First Congregational church of Portland.

The Rev. Thomas McCamant, pastor of the Medford church, the Rev. Fred G. Plocher, Ashland, and Gil Workman, advisor to the Ashland group, are accompanying the young people.

Mr. Plocher is on the program of the conference. Mr. McCamant will attend an advisors' meeting on Saturday morning and return to Medford to be in the pulpit on Sunday. The conference will conclude early on Sunday afternoon.

Goal of 1,000 Set By Church School

Having set a goal of 1,000 in Sunday School attendance for Rally Day March 24, members of the Nazarene Sunday school will choose up sides this Sunday for the Sunday school contest which gets under way Feb. 17.

All Sunday school members are urged to attend Sunday school this week for the kick off of the contest. Last week classes chose captains who will lead the attendance drive in the various class units.

Parents and church school workers will attend the third session of a training class, "Guiding Children in the Nursery Class" Sunday at 6 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 north Holly st. The class, taught by Mrs. Dora Mae Shepard is open to the public.

BIBLE SERVICES

Central Point — A series of Bible services will be held at the American Legion hall, Central Point, starting Sunday, Feb. 10, at 3 p.m. The services, non-denominational, will also be held on Monday, Feb. 11, and Friday, Feb. 15, at 7:45 p.m. Donald Brist and Everett Blair will be the speakers.

Friends Service Committee Tells of Work During 1956

While the Hungarian refugee crisis has demanded an expansion of its relief program, the American Friends Service committee has announced its determination to strengthen work "for the prevention of discord and suffering." The statement was made by Chairman Henry J. Cadbury in the AFSC's 39th annual report, just released.

The AFSC has collected over a quarter of a million dollars for Hungarian relief and shipped over a half million pounds of supplies to the refugees in Austria.

"We seek to inspire understanding between diverse and suspicious peoples," said Dr. Cadbury, citing conferences which brought together 93 young diplomats from 35 countries for off-the-record discussions, seminars for United Nations delegates in New York and for U.S. government officials and Congressmen in Washington, cultural exchanges between students of Asia, Europe and America.

Quaker Principles

Although guided by Quaker principles, said Dr. Cadbury, the AFSC includes supporters and participants of many faiths. In addition to contributions for Hungarian relief, the committee received voluntary contributions of cash and material aids totaling over 6.7 million dollars last year.

During the past year the AFSC worked with committees of citizens to enlarge opportunities for minority groups in Baton Rouge, Chicago, Dallas, Indianapolis, Oakland, Philadelphia and other cities.

More than 1,000 high school and college age volunteers worked with underprivileged peoples in AFSC service units last summer. They helped mentally ill patients, juvenile delinquents, flood victims, migrant laborers, villagers and city slum-dwellers

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projects to include summer units at the State Mental hospital in Salem, and the MacLaren School for Boys. Thousands of pounds of overseas relief goods were provided by many children's organizations through special projects designed to promote friendship through sharing. Active volunteer leaders have maintained these programs, and the School Affiliation program, at an active level.

Evangelist to Speak At First Baptist

Dr. Hyman Appelman, nationally known evangelist, will conduct a "Twentieth Century Crusade for Christ" at the First Baptist church from Monday, Feb. 11 through Feb. 24.

Dr. Appelman was born and raised in Russia and came to the United States in his late teens. He received a law degree from De Paul university where he later taught and then was admitted to the bar in Illinois. During his successful law practice, Mr. Appelman, an orthodox Jew, renounced his heritage for the Christian faith. Feeling that he should enter the ministry he left his law practice and took a theological training in the Southwestern Theological seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas.

He has been invited to conduct a series of evangelistic crusades behind the iron curtain in Russia. He is the first American minister to be granted a visa to preach in Russian churches.

Music for the crusade at the First Baptist church will be directed by John Bisagno. He was a member of the famed Bison Glee Club and he was trumpet soloist for the Oklahoma university band.

Services will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist church.

Investment Plan To Be Started at Saturday Service

A service to be held in the Medford Seventh-day Adventist church Saturday, Feb. 9, will mark the beginning of the year's investment program. The investment plan, begun approximately 75 years ago by one church member in an effort to secure additional funds for foreign mission work, has grown to international scope with Adventists throughout the world participating.

The plan, entitled "Investing for God," consists of each individual church member setting aside some special and unusual method of earning or saving money throughout the year. Results will be tallied in December and the funds added to regular church mission offerings.

All departments of the church cooperate in the program from the cradle roll to the adult classes and special programs are held through the year to encourage its progress.

Many church members set aside a certain number of fruit trees, rows of garden produce, or percentages of eggs, while others sew, bake, or make special articles to sell.

Mrs. Don Amundson, investment leader for 1957, will present children from the kindergarten, primary, and junior divisions at the meeting who will display goal devices and tell their plans for the year. Two adult members will explain their projects and a plan for the entire church to cooperate in enlarging the fund will be the adoption of Gina Rae Burrill, week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Burrill as investment baby for the year. Each church member will be invited to add ten cents to the fund for each pound the baby gains in the next ten months.

Adult Advisors Chosen By First Methodists

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Igo have been approved as Senior High M.Y.F. counselors by the commission of education of the First Methodist church at their meeting Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Igo replace H. Leon Myers who resigned to be the Faith Program Area advisor. Richard Fanger was approved as Christian Fellowship Program Area advisor, which completes the adult advisors for the Senior High M.Y.F., together with John Kent, Christian witness, Miss Mary Vandenberg, Christian citizenship, and Mrs. Ben Greaser, Christian outreach. Vern Wulhoff is chairman of the commission on education.

UNITY TRUTH CENTER

Sunday Devotional Service and Sunday School for Children 9 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 Bosworth, Leader

Laymen Take Active Part in Jobs Formerly Left to Clergy

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press Correspondent
Washington, D.C. —(UP)—The "Sleeping Giant" of American church life is beginning to stir. In thousands of Protestant and Catholic parishes across the nation, laymen are taking on church jobs that once were left to clergymen, or left undone.

They are planning budgets, conducting fund drives, leading youth organizations, visiting the sick, writing and editing church publications, and providing free counseling services in professional fields from law to psychiatry.

Most significant of all, increasing numbers of businessmen, doctors, lawyers, school-teachers and housewives are moving into the field that Protestants call evangelism and Catholics call the apostolic mission.

Changing Ideas

"We are rapidly getting away from the idea that propagating the faith is solely the work of the professional ministry," says Federal Judge Luther W. Youngdahl. A Lutheran, Youngdahl was named "layman of the year" by the Washington Federation of Churches in 1955.

Youngdahl, a former governor of Minnesota, regards the increased activity of laymen as "the most significant spiritual advance in American churches in many years."

"A dedicated layman," he said in an interview, "can serve as a witness for Christ in places that a clergyman can't reach, in offices and factories, in clubs and professional societies."

More Help

Martin Work, executive director of the National Council of Catholic Men, reported a "remarkable increase" in the number of Catholic laymen who are "actively helping the church to carry out its mission."

This increase is reflected in the growth of Catholic men's organizations since World War II. In 1956, the council had about 4,000 affiliated groups with a

total membership of some 3 million. Today it has 9,000 affiliates with 7 million members.

Protestant laymen's organizations have experienced similar growth. The National Council of Presbyterian Men, for example, was organized by 370 laymen in

Topic and Music Announced for Sunday

"Albert Schweitzer—A Pulpit Biography" will be the sermon Sunday at both services by Dr. First Methodist church, Dr. Schweitzer, a world famous physician, organist, missionary, writer, and philosopher, has been written up as the "greatest man alive today." The soloist for the services will be Mrs. Howard Bush, singing, "God, Make Me Kind." Anthems will be "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" and "Let Us With A Gladness Heart." Rosebuds on the altar will honor Teresa Kaye Williams, Mark Lewis Farmer, Tam Timothy Conrad, and Gary Elvin Cave.

School of Christian Living Series Ends

The last session of the Winter series of the School of Christian Living will be held Sunday from 5:30 through 7:30 p.m. at the First Methodist church, Medford. Interest Groups will include the following: Missions, U.S.A.; Religion and the Arts; and Creative Activities in the Church School. The Shipmates class will serve the snack supper, at 6:30 and the sound moving picture, "The Challenge," will be shown at Inspiration Time, at 7 p.m. Interest group classes for all children have been arranged.

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1948, and now has 2,700 chapters with 400,000 members.

The new importance of the laity to some degree is a result of the postwar religious revival that has pushed U.S. church membership to a record high.

Brutal Routine

Charles L. Carr, a utility executive who is senior warden of an Episcopal church in one of Washington's mushrooming suburbs, said:

"Our congregation has grown from 300 people to about 3,000 since the end of the war. Our rector and associate rector put in a brutal work week just keeping up with essential parish calls, conducting services, preparing sermons. The very least that laymen can do is to relieve them of some of the time-consuming administrative work."

While they welcome lay help in housekeeping chores, many clergymen feel laymen have an even greater service to perform. "America will never be won to Christ by the clergy alone," evangelist Billy Graham told a laymen's meeting recently. "It will take dedicated laymen witnessing in every sphere of life."

WORLD FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The World Friendship group of senior high girls of the First Methodist church will meet for Fun, Faith Fellowship and Food, on Feb. 14, in the Library of the Church at 5:30 p.m. Miss Sue Donna and Miss Rosemary Doolen will be hostesses. Mrs. G. A. Trobough is the advisor.

Doctors, City Editors Susceptible To Ulcers

New Orleans —(UP)— Dr. John M. Waugh, governor of the American college of surgeons, told a sectional meeting of the group Thursday that doctors and newspaper city editors are the likeliest professional men to develop ulcers.

"It's because they're such perfectionists," Waugh said. "They drive themselves too hard."

First Christian Church Services to Honor Boy Scout Troop and Post

Scout Sunday will be observed at the First Christian church Sunday morning. Troop 9 and Post 9 which are sponsored by the church will attend the worship service in a body and will participate in the service. Dr. William Roberts is scoutmaster of Troop 9 and Price Shafer is advisor of the Post.

The Rev. William C. Piper will continue his series on Stewardship. The topic of the morning sermon will be "My God and I." The chancel choir will present the anthem "Fierce Was the Wild Billow." At the evening service Mr. Piper will continue the series of studies on "Church History."

A coffee hour will be held after the morning service.

SERMON SERIES

A series of four sermons on "The Holy Spirit and His Meaning Today" will be given at 11 a.m. worship hour of the First Church of God, Haven and Holly sts., starting Sunday. The Rev. Darold Jones, pastor, will give the sermons during February. Visitors are invited to attend.

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