

# Church News



**ELECTRIC ORGAN**—A new electric organ was recently purchased by the board of the Advent Christian church, corner of Jackson and Welch. Organist for the church is Melody Pierce, a sophomore student at Medford High school. The Rev. G. E. Waigson is pastor of the church. Dedication services for the organ will be announced later.

## Dexter Williams New Pastor Here

The Rev. Dexter Williams has assumed duties as pastor of Central Church of Christ, 608 North Central ave., Medford.

Mr. Williams, who came to Medford from the Christian Church, Gold Hill, Feb. 3, was pastor there for a year and a half.

A native of Cottage Grove, Ore., Mr. Williams attended college at Eastern Christian Institute in East Orange, N. J. and did advanced work at Platte Valley Bible college, Scotts Bluff, Neb.

Mr. Williams and his wife, Evaline, and their four children, are making their home at 523 North Bartlett st.

## Central Point Church Starts Meeting Series

Central Point—The Rev. Eggett Montgomery, W. e. a t. chee, Wash., will begin a series of meetings at the Community Bible church, Central Point, Sunday, Feb. 24, at 11 a. m.

He will also speak that evening at 7:45 p. m. and meetings will be held each night at the same time except Saturday during the following week. The last meeting will be Sunday, March 3.

Mr. Montgomery has been active in organizing and promoting new fellowship groups as well as young people and Sunday school groups. He is now pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance church in Wenatchee.



Rev. Eggett Montgomery

## Week of Compassion Observed at First Christian Church

The First Christian church, in cooperation with the National Council of Churches, is observing Week of Compassion the week of Feb. 24. On Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 6:45 p. m. the Brotherhood dinner will be held at which time a special Compassion offering will be taken. This will be used throughout the world to help those in need.

The topic of the sermon which the Rev. William C. Piper will give Sunday morning is "Who Is Thy Neighbor?" Mrs. Ralph Matlack and Mrs. Gloria Smith will sing a duet and the Chancel choir will present the anthem "My Jesus As Thou Wilt." A coffee hour will follow the morning service. In the evening Mr. Piper will conclude his series of sermons on "Church History." This one will give the beginnings and development of the Christian church.

**RECORD AIR MAIL**  
Washington—(U.P.)—Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield said today the Post Office Department expects to fly a record 1.5 billion pieces of air mail during the current fiscal year ending June 30.

## Lutheran Congregations Start Evangelism Mission

Zion Lutheran church, corner of Fourth and Oakdale, will join with other Lutheran congregations in the All-Oregon Evangelism Mission during the week of Feb. 24-28.

The opening service of this Mission will be the 11 a. m. worship service when the Rev. John Zeltin of Redding, Calif., will begin his theme "The Abundant Life" with the sermon, "The Source of the Abundant Life." Other services of the Mission will be held at 8 p. m. Sunday through Thursday.

Mr. Zeltin, born in Latvia, completed his academic training in the United States, graduating from the University of Chicago, the Northern Baptist seminary and the Chicago Lutheran seminary. He was ordained in the United Lutheran church in 1933. He has served four former pastorates in the Midwest, and is currently pastor of the U.L.C.A. church in Redding.

First steps of the Mission were taken this past week when members of the Church were commissioned to call on the congregation's membership. The second, and major step, of the Mission will be taken Sunday afternoon when members of the Church will be commissioned to call upon non-members.

The All-Oregon Mission, as the name implies, covers the whole state, and includes Congregations from all national bodies of Lutheran faith. Divided into area groupings, each area will report in to the Portland headquarters of the Mission every

night so that control and encouragement may be given at every level and in each step of the program.

The public is invited to attend.



Rev. John Zeltin

## Episcopal Bishop's Old Will Discovered

By LEO SOROKA  
United Press Correspondent  
Memphis—(U.P.)—A stroke of fate has uncovered a yellowed, almost tattered document written almost a century ago by the first bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Tennessee.

The five-page document was found in a dilapidated building on the Mississippi waterfront here. There is no certain explanation how Bishop James Henry Otey's "last will and testament" got to the place where it was found.

Nor can it be certain that all the wishes of Bishop Otey were carried out to the letter.

Bishop Otey, on March 22, 1862, had taken pen in hand to write "being of sound mind and aware of the uncertainty of life, do ordain, make and declare this to be my last will and testament."

Almost 100 years later the will was discovered by a demolition crew wrecking old buildings. The will was among sundry papers of business firms found in a well-preserved wooden box virtually sealed off between ceiling and roof.

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## New Senior High Department Opens Sunday

A new Senior High school department of the Sunday school will be opened Sunday at the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st.

The Youth department, formerly made up of Junior and Senior high students, has outgrown its quarters.

Mrs. Lulu Larson, 822 Minnesota ave., is the new departmental supervisor.

Hot chocolate and doughnuts will be served the High School students that arrive at 9:30 a. m. for fellowship before the official starting time of Sunday school at 9:45.

The Rev. W. Lee Mansveld, administrative pastor, will be on hand to help the Youth department workers inaugurate the new department.

The Nazarene Church in Medford has experienced a rapid growth in Sunday School members the past year. In addition to new Departments and classes, the local church has bought land on Mt Pitt ave. and sponsored the construction of a new church. The second church, known as the Mt. Pitt ave. church of the Nazarene, is scheduled to open April 7.

Members of the First Church of the Nazarene have set aside the next five weeks for an intensive Sunday School Crusade, with a goal of 1000 people in Sunday school on March 24.

As an aid in accomplishing this goal a visitation band of 50 to 100 church members, under the direction of Milton Kornstad, visitation chairman, meet each Wednesday evening for a brief meal served by the ladies of the church. They then go out in teams to make personal calls on friends who have indicated an interest in the church.

## Dr. Elmer Adams to Speak Sunday at Eastwood Baptist

Dr. Elmer Adams, executive secretary of the Oregon Baptist convention, will speak at the Adventure in Missions at the Eastwood Baptist church, North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway, at 7:30 p. m. Sunday. Dr. Adams made a trip around the world two summers ago, visiting the various mission fields of the American Baptist convention. He will show slides and speak on the work in Burma and the Belgian Congo.

The public is invited. At the morning worship hour the Rev. Richard M. Jones will speak on "The Possibility of Faith." The choir will sing the Crusader's hymn. Nursery care is provided.

Eastwood Baptist church is located north of the Hedrick Junior High school.

## Nazarene Youths to Celebrate Birthday

Boys and girls of the Week-day youth program of the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st., will receive special recognition in the anniversary Pow-Wow to be held tonight, in the Educational building of the church. A unit of the National Caravan organization, the local club has been in operation four years.

Chairman of the local Caravan committee, Mrs. Esther Tompkins, will direct the activities of the evening. The activities will include: awards, a program showing the four phases of the Caravan work, mental, spiritual, physical and social, new members inducted, and refreshments will be served.

There are three active units of the Caravan program in the local church: Indian Braves, boys, 8-10 years; Indian Maidens, girls, 8-10 years and Pathfinders, girls, 11-15 years.



Oscar Brown

## Friends Start Revival Wednesday

Revival meetings began Wednesday at the Friends church and will continue throughout next week with services each evening at 7:30 p. m. except Saturday. Evangelist is Oscar Brown, pastor of Greenleaf Friends church, a large rural congregation near Caldwell, Idaho, who will leave here for a two-months tour of the Friends mission field in Bolivia, S. A. While there he will be evangelist for the Bolivian Friends Yearly meeting with an expected attendance of 1000 Aymara Indian representatives from the 70 Friends churches in the Bolivian highlands and Yungas area.

Song leader for the local revival series is Wayne Piersall, baritone soloist, pastor of the new Friends church at Ontario, Ore. He will be assisted each evening by a choir and ensemble groups. The meetings are open to the public.

The evangelist and song leader will participate in the regular worship services Sunday at 9:45 and 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Other meetings of the day will be Sunday school at 9:45 and 11 a. m. and Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

## Religion Brought Into Coffee Break

Chicago—(U.P.)—A Chicago trading stamp firm has launched a coffee-hour religious program to put "brotherhood in business."

Once each week, employees sit down with clergymen of three different faiths to learn more about the various denominations and find avenues for putting religion to work in daily affairs. The program is voluntary.

Peter Vold, president of the firm (King Korn Stamp Company), said the plan aims at "putting religious principles to work" in the business world.

He said the firm contributes half the time for the weekly half-hour sessions, with its 50 employees participating equally by spending their coffee break in the round-table talks.

"We think there is sufficient interest to make it a continuing part of our operation," he said.

At the initial meeting a Methodist minister, Roman Catholic priest and Jewish rabbi gave short introductory talks and then presided at a general discussion. The churchmen rotated their visits thereafter and invited other clerics to participate.

A spokesman for the Church Federation of Greater Chicago called the program "a very interesting idea and one more evidence of the increased interest in religion."

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Sunday—9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship  
**"Will The Circle Be Unbroken?"**  
2:30 Mass Meeting  
**"From Jewish Lawyer To Gospel Preacher"**  
7:30 Evening Service  
**"When The Saints Go Marching In"**  
JOHNNY BISAGNO, former dance band leader will play his trumpet and lead the choir and congregational singing.  
JAMES W. NEELY, Pastor

## Community Work Topic Tonight at Teens for Christ

What teenagers in partnership with God may do to benefit their communities will be the basis of a discussion by the Medford "Teens for Christ" group tonight at 7:30 at the George Beltz home, 1119 Niantic.

The group is composed of young people ages 13 to 20 and has recently been organized as an auxiliary to the Young People's societies of the Medford and Valley View Seventh-day Adventist churches.

Projects already in operation by the group include singing for shut-ins at local hospitals and rest homes and "L-Bombs," Christian literature wrapped and distributed by the youth.

The place young people may take in their communities civil defense work is being demonstrated by several of their group who are active in the Ground Observer Corps. Oral Tucker Jr. and Lee Blank have received their wings as members of the corps, and Sande Beddoe and Ronnie Archer are working towards theirs.

As a part of the denomination's defense preparedness program, many of the teenagers hold Red Cross First Aid certificates, and others of the group are taking the course at the present time.

Tonight's discussion will include plans for visiting individual shut-ins as well as those in hospitals and urging home, and how to further a personal interest in those visited. How young people may help others interested in studying and understanding the Bible will also be discussed.

Mrs. Allen McCoy, Medford Missionary Volunteer leader meets with Teens for Christ group each Friday evening when the teens sing gospel melodies, share inspirational thoughts and lay plans for youth evangelism in the Rogue Valley.

**PARTY TONIGHT**  
The Builders class of young adults of Eastwood Baptist church, North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway ave., will give a party tonight at 8 p. m. in the church.

**TONIGHT!**  
**HEAR Hyman Appelmann**

• **Tonight**  
"The Question to Answer All Questions"

• **Saturday**  
10:00 a. m.—"Thrill of a Youth Time"  
7:30 p. m.—"The 2nd Coming of Christ"  
Jew and Gentile

• **Sunday**  
Morn—"Will the Circle Be Unbroken?"  
Afternoon—"From Jewish Lawyer to Gospel Preacher"  
Evening—"When the Saints Go Marching In"

**Featuring: JOHNNY BISAGNO**

• **And his Golden Trumpet**  
• **Crusade Choir**  
• **Special Musical package**

**First Baptist Church**  
North Central at 5th  
7:30 P.M.



**GENERAL OVERSEER**—The Rev. Robert Crawford, (right) international leader and general overseer of the Apostolic Faith church, checks reports with the Rev. Loyce Carver, pastor of the local church, while Mr. Crawford was in Medford this week. Mr. Crawford stopped here on his return trip to the church headquarters in Portland after attending meetings in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

## Church Leader Calls Prosperity A Pressing Religious Problem

By LOUIS CASSELS  
United Press Correspondent  
Washington—(U.P.)—One of America's most pressing religious problems, a church leader said today, is finding a Christian path through the pitfalls of prosperity.

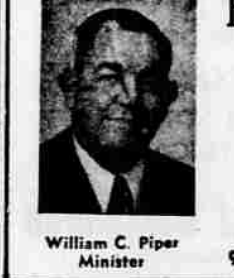
Our unprecedented abundance said the Rev. Cameron P. Hall of the National Council of Churches, carries with it an unprecedented danger. For the first time in history, a whole nation is subject to the temptations that Christ had in mind when he warned that it is "easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of Heaven."

Hall is director of the National Council's Economic Life division which asked 400,000 country to devote a week to conscience-searching examination of the question: "Can we stand abundance?"

In an interview, Hall listed several ways in which our growing economic wealth can produce spiritual poverty.

**One Danger**  
One danger, he said, is that we may become so obsessed with our material possessions that we crowd other values out of life. "The Christian faith does not go all out against materialism," he said. "It affirms that material things are not to be denied but, in their place, enjoyed. But life is so made that material values cannot have first place without hurting and ultimately destroying individual and social well-being."

**First Christian Church**  
"The Friendly Church"  
Welcomes You TO ALL SERVICES  
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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William C. Piper, Minister

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Church School at 9:45

## Noble Ballew Talks at First Assembly of God

The Rev. Noble Ballew, Portland, will speak at the First Assembly of God church, 1108 West Main st., Sunday, at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Ballew will conduct a revival at the church and speak Tuesday through Friday at 7:30 p. m. each evening. He will also speak Sunday, March 3.

Mr. Ballew traveled through Europe and Africa in 1955 and will speak on the Union of South Africa while here. He is the former pastor of the Evangel Temple in Portland.

The Rev. R. E. Cull is pastor of the First Assembly of God church here.

## Sunday Schedule Announced

Sunday morning at both worship services of the First Presbyterian church Dr. D. Kirkland West will preach on "Fathers—Then and Now," the third in a series of three on the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

James Baker will sing a tenor solo, "Be Thou Faithful Unto Death" and the Westminster and Chancel choirs will be under the direction of Lynn Sjolund.

At 5 p. m. the final class will be held for those who are planning to join the church. Dr. West will lead this class in a study on the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Elders who comprise the session of the church will be present to receive the class into church membership. New members will be publicly welcomed March 3 at the second worship service.

The film "This High Calling" will be shown to the adults attending the 7 p. m. service.

This picture was recently produced by the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. in order to portray the present life, growth and outreach of the church in America and throughout the world.

The high school young people will hear a report from 11 seniors who recently spent two days at Lewis and Clark college in Portland. These students observed college life, sat in on classes and made plans for enrolling there next year. After hearing these reports, the Outreach Commission led by Carol Dyke will continue its study of southeast Asia. The evening will close with games and refreshments originating from that part of the world.

## Speaker to Show Pictures of Holy Land Visit Wednesday

Pictures from the Suez Canal region will be shown Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p. m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st. by the Rev. Ira Paul Dumas, minister of the First Church of the Nazarene, San Francisco.

Mr. Dumas has recently from a trip to the Holy Land and will speak and show pictures in the local Nazarene church.

The pictures will also show scenes along the route of the Ancient Exodus to Mt. Sinai, strange customs for the burial of the dead and trouble spots in the Near East in the light of the present crisis.

While in Medford, the Dumas' will be guests of his sister, Mrs. Ella Herman, 320 Hillhouse, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Dumas, 2011 East Main st.

**LOOKS AT BOOKS**  
"The Dead Sea Scrolls," a recent book about the discoveries of ancient Biblical and other manuscripts in caves by the Dead Sea in Palestine will be reviewed by Dr. Raymond E. Balcomb at the First Methodist church Sunday at 7:30 p. m. The book is by Professor Millar Burrows of Yale university.