

# Church News

## 35th Anniversary To Be Celebrated at Nazarene

Sunday, the members of the First Church of the Nazarene will celebrate their 35th anniversary as a church in Medford on April 9, 1922, the church was begun with a Sunday school session conducted by the Rev. and Mrs. C. M. King with 24 students present and 64 cents in the offering.

First teachers in the Sunday school included Mrs. E. M. Beer, Mrs. Herman, and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. King. Mr. King remained as pastor of the First church for six years.

In the intervening 29 years, a number of different pastors have served the church.

Sunday school attendance has grown from that first year until

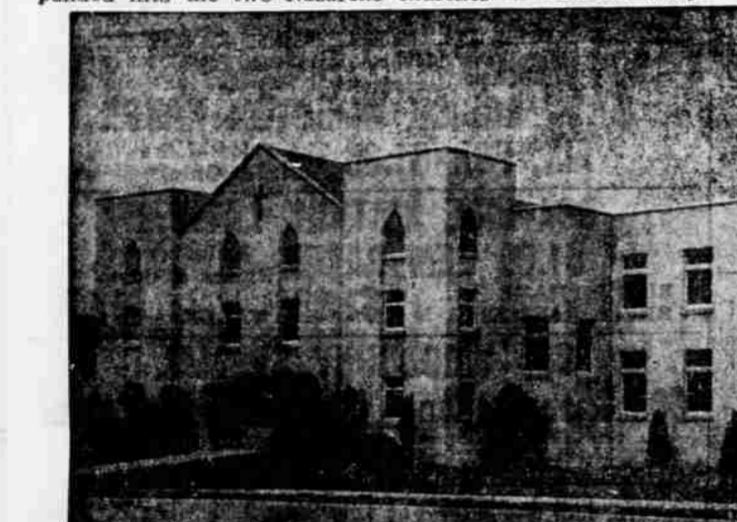
average attendance this spring is more than 500. Enrollment has increased from the original 24 to almost 800 active enrollments in the Sunday school.

The Kings, who are retired and live in Medford, will be honored in the morning worship services April 7. Charter members of the church will also be honored.

April 7 is also Cradle Roll Sunday in the local church with parents and their babies holding a key-spot in dedication ceremonies that will be conducted by the pastor. Closing exercises of the Sunday school will see a baby parade. The newest baby will be honored. Mrs. Gladys Steward is nursery supervisor.



**NAZARENE CHURCH OF 1922**—The First Church of the Nazarene, started in Medford April 9, 1922, built their first building later that year. The church started by the Rev. C. M. King, was first located at the corner of Jackson and Central ave. Starting with this building the congregation expanded into the two Nazarene churches in Medford today.



**FIRST CHURCH TODAY**—First Church of the Nazarene, which will celebrate its birthday Sunday, has grown from 14 members in 1922 to a present membership of nearly 370 with an active Sunday school enrollment of 800 students. The church is located at 520 North Holly st.



**NEW CHURCH BUILDING**—Mt. Pitt Avenue Church of the Nazarene will hold services Sunday for the first time in their new building at Mt. Pitt ave. and Chestnut. This church was sponsored by the First Church of the Nazarene congregation.

## Japanese Christian Chosen Diet Leader

A long-time Japanese Christian leader and legislator, who is a graduate of an American Methodist university, has been appointed chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Upper House of the Japanese Diet.

Junzo Sasamori was named to the key legislative post by the president of the Upper House. A Liberal-Democrat, Mr. Sasamori was for a year (1946-47) State Minister without portfolio in the cabinet of former Premier Tetsu Katayama. Baptized a Christian while attending a mission school, Mr. Sasamori attended Wesleyan University and did graduate work at the University of Denver.

He entered the field of Christian higher education and for a time was president of Aoyama Gakuin, Methodist Christian college of 9,500 students in Tokyo. Since becoming a legislator, Mr. Sasamori has served as honorary president of To-o Gijuki, a Chris-

**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.

William C. Piper  
Minister

9th and Oakdale • Medford, Ore.

## 'Operation Search' To Start Sunday

A new program of Christian education will be started Sunday during the Sunday school hour at the First Baptist church. The new venture in Christian education has been called "Operation Search," and it is designed to present a variety of subjects that will stimulate the interest of every student.

In this program the members of the adult department will be able to choose from a wide range of subjects including a survey of the New Testament, methods of Bible study, great leaders of the church, prophecy, and a study in the book of Genesis. Every quarter the student selects a new course that will give him a useable knowledge of the scripture and an intelligent foundation for his Christian life.

**Teachers**

"Search" is taught by the Rev. Haddon Robinson and the Rev. Kenneth Raymond, graduates of nationally-known seminaries; the Rev. John Roelofs and Don Chapman, graduates of Bible institutes; Clarence Wilson, graduate of Chamberland university with an L.L.D. degree; and Shirley Brannock, a public school teacher and superintendent.

Several of the classes offered in this new program will include outside study. "Search" is planned to provide teacher training and to supply a complete Bible school course in about ten years for the residents of southern Oregon. It will begin Sunday mornings at 9:45. As needed additional courses will be taught during the weekdays.

## BOARD MEETING

The Board of the Ascension Lutheran church will meet Saturday, April 6, at 1:30 p.m. at the residence of Fred Hinz, 27 South Keeneway dr.

## Prayer and fellowship service

will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday at 8:30 a. m. with the classes being taught by Mr. Beck and Mr. Farrow, and an illustrated lecture given by Mr. Seeley.

## Mr. Farrow will deliver the principle address of the conference at 11 a. m. Sunday.

The public is invited to attend these services at the local church Tenth and Ivy sts.



Apostle P. E. Farrow

## Institute and Rally Set for This Week End

The Southern Oregon district of the Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will conduct a missionary institute and rally Friday, April 5 through Sunday.

The opening activity will be the showing of the film "Other Sheep" at the Lincoln school gymnasium at 8 p. m. tonight.

Participating in the institute will be several officials of the church. Apostle P. E. Farrow, minister in charge of the Northwest Mission area, who will be principle speaker of the institute; Bishop T. A. Beck, bishop for the Northwest; and Elder Robert M. Seeley, president of the Southern Oregon district; will direct the institute, ministering primarily to adult groups.

Classes and activities for youth will be directed by Elder Frank Tucker, district youth leader; his assistant, Elder Noel King; Elder Lowell Shultz, district church school director; and Elder Frank Ellenwood, his assistant in charge of childhood education.

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## Unitarian Group To Meet Sunday

The regular meeting of the Unitarian Fellowship will be held Sunday at 8 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Helen Ashley, 851 Wabash ave., Medford.

Robert Bauman will continue the series, "Religious Liberals Examine the Bible," with a study of its history, and selections from the books themselves.

Those who missed the earlier meetings of the series are also invited to attend, for each topic is informative in itself, and there is a chance for question and discussion.

On Monday, April 1, the Rogue Valley Unitarian Fellowship was host at a noon luncheon for the Rev. Richard M. Steiner, minister of The Church of Our Father, First Unitarian society of Portland. Dr. Steiner was in Medford as the guest speaker for an evening service of the First Methodist church, returning to Portland by plane on Monday afternoon.

The luncheon was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hatch, and was attended by Fellowship members from Medford and Ashland.

## Ministers to Meet Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church

The Medford Ministerial association will meet Tuesday, April 9, at 10 a. m. in the first place room of the First Presbyterian church, Medford.

Mrs. Kay Crowell, Jackson county juvenile officer, will speak to the group. The Rev. L. D. Krause, pastor of Bethel Assembly of God church, will give the devotion.

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

## SYMPHONIC MONOLOGUE

"As Mark saw the Master," the second symphonic monologue to be presented over KBES-TV by the Rev. George A. Trobaugh, associate minister of the First Methodist church, will be seen at 3:40 p. m., Saturday, April 6. John Lusk will play the background music for the program. Mr. Trobaugh will be the narrator and has prepared the script.

## Pre-Easter Sermon Series Continues At First Christian

The series of pre-Easter sermons will continue at the First Christian church, Sunday the Rev. William C. Piper will preach on "The Revelation of God." He will show how God has been revealed in the events which took place during the Easter season.

The chancel choir under the direction of C. Warren Fairbanks will present the anthem "Praise We Sing to Thee." A vocal duet "Legend" will be given by Mrs. Ralph Matlack and Mrs. Gloria Smith.

A coffee hour will be held immediately following the morning service.

At the evening service Mr. Piper will talk on the subject "The Time of Reckoning."

## CHURCH for Sale

Large corner lot with parking area located in Medford Ph. 3-3585 or NO-4-2829

# Mission Work Results Told By Armenian Girls Saturday

By MRS. ALVY BOWMAN

Direct results of mission work were seen by members of the Medford Seventh-day Adventist church Saturday, March 30, as they listened to Miss Hosanna Khatchadourian sing American hymns in her native Armenian language, and heard Miss Matilda Parsekian tell the needs of her country.

Miss Khatchadourian is a graduate of the denomination's Middle East college located in Beirut, Lebanon, and Miss Parsekian completed nurse's training at Dar-el-Salaam, (translated, "House of Peace"), Seventh-day Adventist hospital in Baghdad, Iraq.

**Native Dress**

Miss Parsekian, dressed in native costume, told the congregation that the government of Iraq had donated land for a hospital building which had been used for that purpose. She stated that the new hospital, paid for by donations, was still in need of supplies, funds for the care of those who are unable to pay for medical aid, American medicines, and many things they do not have "which we take for granted in this country."

Miss Parsekian, who came to this country 18 months ago under the sponsorship of her cousin, Elder Joseph Apigian, Seventh-day Adventist minister, has found much to interest her in United States hospitals. She has been amazed, she said, by the supply of materials on hand, some of which are completely unknown in her country. At the present time Miss Parsekian is nursing in the Ashland General hospital in addition to taking class work at Southern Oregon college.

**Interviewed**

In an interview regarding personal experiences, Miss Parsekian stressed the difficulties of being a Christian in the Middle East.

"A Christian in my country is always in danger for his life," she stated, and she related an experience to illustrate in which she was stopped by Moslem police while on her way to work one night. "The policeman thrust a gun in my face and shouted, 'I am going to kill you,' and when I asked what I had done he told me I must have a permission slip to be outside my home after dark," she said.

The hospital director was with Miss Parsekian at the time, she stated, and after talking to the police for some time about the necessity for nurses at the hospital at all hours, they were forced into a car and driven about the city for 3½ hours, after which they were taken to police headquarters where they were granted permission slips and taken to the hospital.

"Only by prayer and the care of God was my life spared at that time," she said.

Miss Khatchadourian, who is also employed at the Ashland hospital, in a secretarial position, had visited the Medford church several weeks earlier at which time she related her experiences in a land where "never in my life-time have I known peace."

Miss Khatchadourian stated that she was living with her family in the new section of Jerusalem when aggression hostilities began there, and they were evacuated to the older section of the city to be under partial protection of the great walls still standing since Biblical times. When bombs began to fall around them, some striking the building in which they lived, they decided to attempt crossing the border into Lebanon.

"After walking many miles," Miss Khatchadourian said, "we were given a ride in a truck load of oranges, and so got across the border. When we arrived in Beirut we had nothing but the clothes we wore."

While in Beirut, Miss Khatchadourian attended the mission college and after graduation worked as a secretary in denominational headquarters there.

The Khatchadourian family arrived in the United States three months ago under the United Nations Refugee act and were sponsored in this country by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Paulson of Ashland. Mr. Paulson is manager of the Ashland General hospital.

Miss Khatchadourian's younger sister, Alice, who is attending Milo Academy, Milo, Ore., also visited the Medford church Saturday.

Another sister, Tevorah, is a student at Walla Walla college, College Place, Wash., and their parents, Hagop and Arousis Khatchadourian are located in Los Angeles, where they all hope to be reunited soon.

"We are glad to be in America," said Miss Khatchadourian, "because here there is peace, and freedom of religion, and everyone is treated as equal."



**GUEST SPEAKERS**—Miss Matilda Parsekian and Miss Hosanna Khatchadourian sing hymns at the Medford Seventh-day Adventist church Saturday. Both from Beirut, Lebanon, they sang American hymns in their native Armenian language and spoke to the congregation of mission work that had been done in their native countries.



**NATIVE COSTUME**—Miss Matilda Parsekian models her native costume that she wore Saturday when she spoke to the Seventh-day Adventist congregation. The costume is one of the traditional Moslem ones for women although the majority of the woman of Iraq today wear Western dress. The dress is made of crepe de chine and would cost between \$60 and \$70.

## Westminster Fellowship To Hold Meetings This Week at Presbyterian

Westminster Fellowship Youth Presbytery will hold its annual meeting at the First Presbyterian church, Medford, Saturday and Sunday.

Registration will begin at 7 p. m. tonight and an evening program of recreation is planned. Sunday the opening worship service will be held at 9 a. m. with discussion groups following. Luncheon and dinner will be served at the church.

Sunday the youth will have an early church school class and attend the 9:45 a. m. service.

## Fourth Guest Preacher At First Methodist

The fourth guest preacher to in the current series of Lenten Sunday evening services at the First Methodist church will be the Rev. Joe A. Harding, minister of the Trinity Methodist church near Four Corners, Salem. He will speak at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Harding also ministers to a number of Willamette university students. He is a graduate of Emory university, Atlanta, Ga., and received his theological degree from Boston University school of Theology.

The guest choir will be the Southern Oregon college a capella choir, under the direction of Oscar Bjorlie.

mond ave., will be to help build a new girls' dormitory and additional faculty homes at the church's Nile Union Academy, located just outside Cairo, Egypt, very near the scene of recent Suez military clashes, and for dormitory-administration facilities at the Iran Training Institute near Teheran, Iran.

Mr. Beddoe stated that the schools were "agricultural, educational institutions designed to train young people to improve their mental, spiritual, and physical potential in their own country."

## Both Minister and Church Unusual

Canoga Park — (U.P.) — From B-17 bomber pilot to captain of a commercial airliner to minister of the West Valley Family (Reformed Church in America) church in Canoga Park, Calif.

That's the unusual career story of the Rev. Bernard Brunsting, 34, six-foot, one-inch father of five and native of Soux Center, Ia.

In 1945, Mr. Brunsting was flying a B-17 in the European theater, bombing the crumpling Nazi empire.

Following his discharge, it seemed natural enough to continue flying, so he signed on with Eastern Air Lines. But he soon felt there was something else to be done with his life.

So entered a divinity school and for three years studied the theology of the Reformed church in America which his father had served as a minister.

Before coming to Canoga Park, Brunsting served at Grand Haven, Mich., and Bellflower, Calif.

His current church was founded only a few months ago as a sycamore-studded ranch once owned by film comedian Lou Costello. It is in the San Fernando Valley. The Protestant Council of Churches helped obtain the location.

The building in which the church is now housed has an unusual history of its own. The present chapel was a billiard room, the church office formerly was a recreation room, the lounge was a bar, and a two-story structure has been converted nicely for Sunday school use and nursery and caretaker's quarters.

There is a 45-foot swimming pool, one of the few on church grounds in the country, and elaborate facilities for outdoor and indoor barbecue and recreation.

On a neat, white sign in front of his church Mr. Brunsting has indicated how he intends to keep his church: "The loveliest place in the Valley."

## Guest Speakers at Trail Community Church

The Koehler's, missionaries from Panama, will show pictures Saturday, April 6, at 7:30 p. m. at the Trail Community church. Sunday, morning they will speak at the 11 a. m. worship service.

Bill Mallen, Central Point, will be guest speaker at the 7:30 p. m. service, and on Monday and Tuesday evenings a 7:30 p. m. service will be held at the church with the Rev. Gordon V. Chapman from Indonesia, guest speaker.

## "MARTIN LUTHER" FILM

The film "Martin Luther" will be shown at 7 p. m. Sunday at the Church of the Brethren. The film is presented as a climax to a study of church history by the Junior-Hi department of the Church school. The showing is open to all ages and the public is invited.

## UNITY TRUTH CENTER

Sunday Devotional Service and Sunday School for Children 11 a. m.  
Regular Church 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

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Thomas McCamant, Minister

Groveland Ave. and Oakwood Drive

Church Worship at 9:45 and 11 a. m.  
Church School at 9:45

Sermon  
"What Do You Know About Love?"

**MISSIONARY CONVENTION**

Three Missionaries Three Missionary Fields

Can be heard at the following churches

**TRAIL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Rev. Ernest Evers, Pastor  
Mon. and Tues., April 8, 9, 7:30 p. m. G. V. Chapman, Indonesia

**EAGLE POINT COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
Rev. Joseph Murshaw, Pastor  
Mon. and Tues., April 8, 9, 7:30 p. m.  
A. F. Ratzloff, French W. Africa

**CENTRAL POINT COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
Rev. Paul O. Kroon, Pastor  
Wednesday, April 10, A. F. Ratzloff, F. W. Africa  
Thurs., and Fri., April 11, 12, H. G. Crisman, Ecuador  
Sun., April 14, 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m., G. V. Chapman, Indonesia

Announcing First Services of

**OPEN BIBLE STANDARD CHURCH**

Sunday School (all ages) 10 A.M.  
Morning Worship 11 A.M.  
Topic: "Why Start a Church in Medford"

Evening Evangelistic 7 P.M.  
Topic: "The Man Who Forgot God"

11 Newtown — Ph. 3-5504 — Rev. & Mrs. V. J. Harsh, Pastors