

# Church Bulletins Are Hobby With Printer

## Use of Symbols Was Suggested by Local Minister to Morse

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In symbols. In 1945 he contacted the Rev. Martin E. Marty, who had been designing a series of religious Christmas cards since 1952 and done art work for the Seminary Press and Walther League Messenger.

**Completes Doctorate**  
Since that time Mr. Marty has completed his work for a doctorate in American Christianity at the University of Chicago, and is temporarily doing district church extension work before beginning his duties at a new church in Arlington Heights, Ill.

Today, Dr. Marty still draws bulletin cover symbols for Morse. The drawings, based on the prescribed scripture reading for each Sunday and festival of the church year, include ancient religious symbols drawn in contemporary terms, stressing simplicity.

After Morse has given Dr. Marty the central theme for the year, the drawings are completed and mailed to Medford for Morse's approval. If approved, color is decided on in accordance with the liturgical calendar.

**Printer by Trade**  
And Morse did something. A printer by trade and fully believing that a person's mind should be focused on Christ during the worship service, Morse experimented with several ideas and designs. Until 1951 he was unable to find just what he wanted, then the Rev. Kenneth Korby, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran church in Medford, suggested the use of symbols, as through the years the Christian church has identified itself and its functions by means of symbolism.

Started only as a hobby the increased demand for the Morse Liturgical church bulletins made it necessary for the move from South Central ave. to newer and larger quarters on South Grape st. It now designs and prints church bulletins for more than 300 churches throughout the United States and Canada, using an average of 3,000 pounds of paper a month.

"I did not advertise as first and I have not found time to print a catalogue," Morse said. "The church bulletins are still a hobby with me, and I have dedicated my life to doing a job that I feel is important."

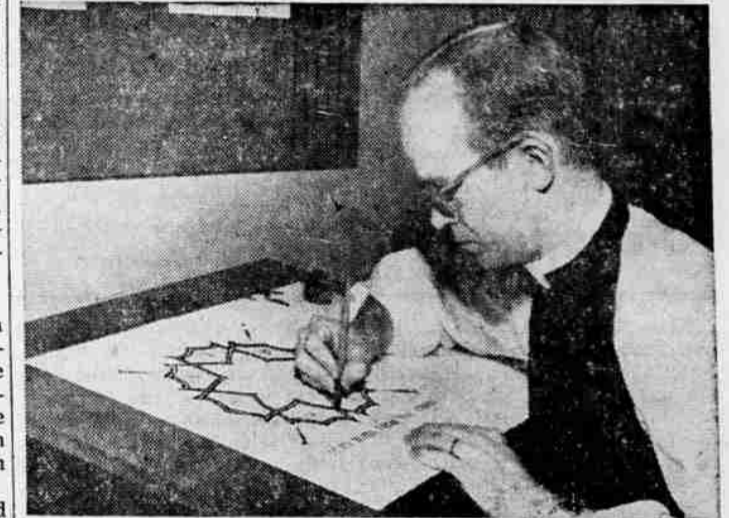
**Short Article**  
A short article regarding the liturgical bulletins in an issue of "Una Sancta," a publication for the clergy, brought correspondence inquiring about them from as far away as Venezuela, South America, in 1951. Bulletins are now sent to Lutheran churches in nearly every state in the union, several in Canada, and one Episcopal church.

The bulletin covers are based on the ancient calendar which uses a prescribed liturgical form, and any denomination which follows that calendar may use them. Each year Morse decides on a central theme for the 52 Sundays and extra festival or feast days of the year.

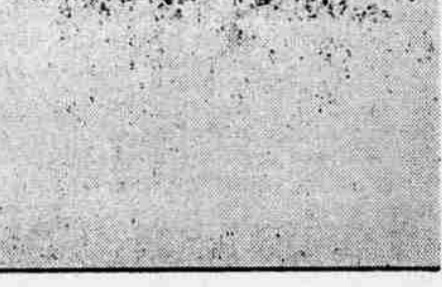
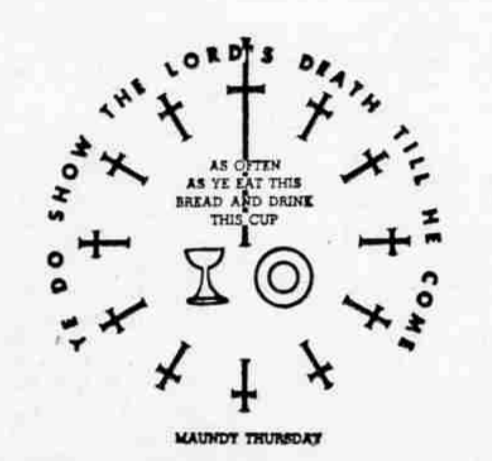
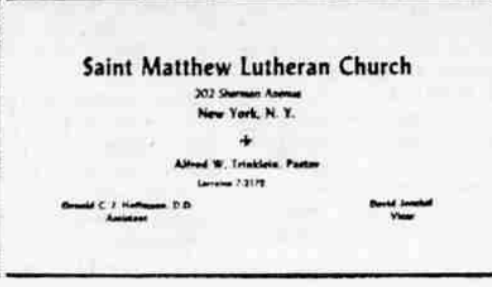
At first he had difficulty explaining to an artist what he wanted expressed on the cover



**CHECK BULLETINS**—The Rev. Kenneth Korby, pastor of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church, and Merville E. Morse, owner of Morse's Liturgical Church Bulletin and Printing Service, check one of the church bulletin covers as it comes off the press. Mr. Korby writes the article on the back page of the bulletin that elaborates on the theme for the day. He suggested the use of symbols for the liturgical church bulletin covers to Morse in 1951.

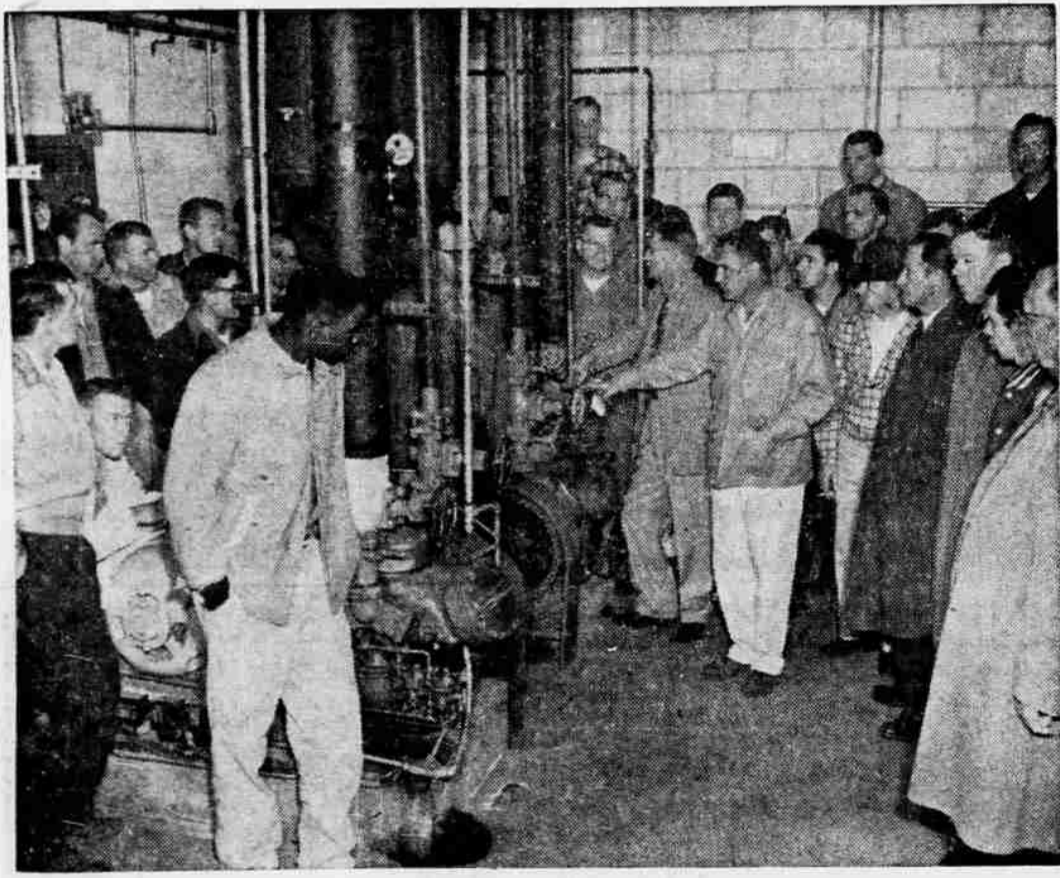


**MINISTER-ARTIST**—The Rev. Martin Marty works on a Good Friday church bulletin cover which shows a stylized crown of thorns with the seven words of Christ from the cross. Mr. Marty is a missionary pastor charged with forming a new congregation near Chicago during 1957. He has been designing the art work for the Morse Liturgical Church bulletins since 1954. He is a contributing editor to Christian Century and has completed his work for a doctorate in American Christianity at the University of Chicago. —(Chicago Tribune photo)



**CHURCH BULLETIN COVER**—Covers of church liturgical bulletins printed by the Morse Liturgical Church Bulletin and Printing service in Medford are designed by the Rev. Martin Marty of Chicago. The theme for each cover is expressed in symbols. Top row shows bulletin covers for Christmas day, expressed by the giving hand for the Father, the crib and cross for the Son, and dove and palm leaf for the Holy Spirit; the Feast of Pentecost cover shows the protecting hand of blessing over the church; and for the Easter cover the large

Tau cross for Christ with the table signifying the Last Supper. At the lower left for the second Sunday after Easter the large staff with cross, symbol of Christ, the good shepherd, and fence for sheep fold, stress unity of church with "one flock and one shepherd"; for Maundy Thursday 11 crosses with larger one for Christ are combined with the symbols for bread and drink; and for the fifth Sunday after Easter the scroll represents the Word of God with the others depicting service, in the home, community, and job.



**INSPECTING FACILITIES** — Above are shown 26 students from Oregon Technical Institute, Klamath Falls, inspecting a part of the fruit packing operation at Myron Root company, Medford. The students were in Medford Thursday to tour air conditioning and perishable fruit storage installations in

the Rogue valley. The group included electrical appliance repair students who are being trained in practical courses at OTI. The students, who will graduate June 2, inspected fruit facilities in six other packing plants throughout the valley. —(Brainerd's Photo).

### Informal Coffee Hour Scheduled for Dr. Brock Chisholm

Dr. Brock Chisholm, specialist in world health problems, will talk at an informal coffee hour Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Carl E. Wimberly Jr., 30 South Barneburg rd., Medford, according to members of the Southern Oregon Child Guidance Clinic association.

Dr. Chisholm will discuss "Growing Up in a New Kind of World," at the annual dinner meeting of the association at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at Hedrick Junior High school.

Friday morning he will meet with the clinic staff to discuss child guidance clinic work.

Mrs. Melvin Hall, general chairman for the meeting, said tickets are available until Monday, April 22, for the dinner. Reservations can be made by telephoning 3-3174. The talk will start at 7:45 p.m., she said.

**Considers Budget**  
The association board recently considered its 1957-58 budget. Al N. Potter, finance chairman, and John Graff, treasurer, explained some cuts in minor additions to the budget.

The need for expansion of clinic services by adding extra personnel was discussed. Board members doubted whether present and prospective income for the year would permit financing additional facilities.

Early results of the Medford membership campaign were reported by Mrs. Dwight Houghton. Only partial returns have been received, she said.

Next board of directors meeting will be held Monday, May 13. New officers will be elected and board members will be initiated.

### Father, 5 Others Held For Murdering Family

Posadas, Argentina — (U.P.) — Police charged Alejandro Navatke and five other men Friday with murdering Navatke's family of five in an isolated ranch 100 miles from here.

Police said all members of the family were killed in their sleep six days ago. The massacre was uncovered by a neighbor who was attracted to the ranch by dogs howling in the yard. No motive was given for the slaying.

### O&C Timber Sale Values Lagging Behind Last Year

Portland — Value of timber sales on the O and C forests of western Oregon for the first three quarters of fiscal 1957 lagged behind the previous fiscal year by about 40 per cent, Virgil T. Heath, Oregon state supervisor for the bureau of land management, said today.

Heath said sales from July 1, 1956, to March 31, 1957, amounted to 291,495,000 board feet valued at \$9,446,006 compared to 407,968,000 board feet valued at \$15,808,652 for the same period of the previous year.

The largest differences which show up in comparing the two years is in salvage timber volume and values, Heath pointed out. Salvage sales for the first nine months of fiscal 1956 totaled 139,644,000 board feet valued at \$5,479,016 compared to only 77,461,000 board feet valued at \$2,469,963 in the current fiscal year.

Green timber sales this year totaled 214,034,000 board feet valued at \$6,976,042 compared to 268,324,000 board feet valued at \$10,329,636 last year, Heath pointed out.

The 18 Oregon counties in which the more than 2,000,000 acres of Oregon and California reworked railroad grant lands are located receive 75 per cent of the revenue from timber sales but there is a lag of several months between receipts by the bureau of land management and payment to the counties. During fiscal 1956 the 18 counties received a total of \$11,909,395, an all time high.

### Klamath Falls Man Arraigned in Court

Clarence E. Surber, 30, Klamath Falls, was arraigned in district court Friday on a charge of non-support.

He was given until 2 p.m. today to obtain counsel and decide whether or not to have a preliminary hearing. He was arrested Thursday by sheriff's deputies.

### Fund Campaign for Hospital Postponed

Ashtland — A general campaign to raise funds for Ashtland's proposed new hospital has been postponed for at least six months.

Directors of the Southern Oregon Memorial hospital decided on the postponement after it was reported officials of the state hospital board would be in Ashtland next week to study a tentatively proposed hospital site. Approval of the board would be necessary before Hill-Burton funds for aid in construction of the hospital could be received.

Also in Ashtland next week will be a representative of the architectural firm that has been retained for the hospital project.

### Savings Bond Sales Show Decline in Area

Sales of E and H Savings Bonds in Jackson county in March were \$66,166, compared to the total of \$92,332 a year ago, according to George Minnaugh, state director of the savings bonds committee.

While the sale of United States Treasury savings bonds was lower in March in Oregon than it was a year ago, March sales in Oregon were \$3,144,479, almost \$500,000 higher than in February, Minnaugh said. March sales a year ago in Oregon totaled \$3,712,789.

Increased sales, he said, is in part due to the increase in knowledge among prospective buyers that the new 3 1/4 per cent interest rate for E and H bonds will apply to all of them bought since Feb. 1.

## Easter Dinner

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Your choice of  
Soup — Salad

Roast Young Tom Turkey with Old Fashioned Stuffing

Virginia Baked Ham — Fruit Sauce

Roast Leg of Lamb — Mint Jelly

Roast Prime Ribs of Beef — Au Jus

Tossed Salad

Fresh Asparagus

Snowflake Potatoes

Sherbet or Ice Cream

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