

Church News

County Pastor-Elder Attend General Assembly in Omaha

The Rev. David F. Barnett Sr., pastor of the Hope Presbyterian church, Rogue River, and Arthur M. Peters, an elder of the Ashland Presbyterian church, left this week for Omaha, Neb., where they will attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the U.S.A.

Mr. Barnett is the commissioner to general assembly from the Southwest Oregon Presbytery while Mr. Peters is the elder-commissioner from the same presbytery. They will attend the general assembly from May 16 through 22 as well as a pre-conference assembly earlier next week.

Four candidates have been endorsed by their presbyteries

for the moderatorship of the 169th General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the U.S.A.

Moderatorship of the assembly is the highest honorary office in the church with the term of office one year.

Candidates include Dr. Rex Stowers Clements, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Dr. William H. Hudnut Jr., Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. Harold R. Martin, Bloomington, Ill.; and Dr. Paul C. Warren, Baltimore.

Dr. Clements has served as exchange preacher to Great Britain in 1947 and 1952, as guest preacher at American church in Paris in 1950, and at Synod of California and Oregon in 1942 and 1945.

Dr. David W. Proffitt of Tennessee, retiring moderator, will preside at the opening session of the general assembly. Dr. Proffitt spoke in Medford at the First Presbyterian church in February.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran church in America, will deliver the address at the general assembly service Sunday, May 19. Massed choirs from Omaha churches will sing.

During the week of meetings several thousand women are expected to attend the Woman's Convocation at Paramount Theater, Omaha, Friday morning and afternoon. The theme will be "Advance the Ecumenical Mission." Dr. Paul S. Wright, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Portland, will be keynote speaker.

The churchmanship class for new members will meet for its third session in the current series at 9:45 a.m. This class is being held at the Chapel Mortuary. John Smith will teach on the subject "The Bible."

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Guest Pastor at Rogue River Church Women to Meet

Two services will be held in the Hope Presbyterian church in Rogue River Sunday. There will be a service at 9:30 a.m. for the class graduating from the eighth grade and their parents. During this hour Sunday school will be conducted only for the nursery, kindergarten and primary departments. The junior choir will sing an anthem at this service.

The regular morning worship service will be held at 11 a.m. with recognition being given the oldest and the youngest mother present.

The Rev. John Reynolds, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Medford, will preach at both services in the absence of the Rev. D. F. Barnett.

The Women's Association of the Hope Presbyterian church will meet in the choir room on Thursday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Harlan Bosworth of Medford will speak on the United Nations, "How we can work toward World Peace and the Purpose of the Oregon United Nations program chairman of the Medford chapter and a member of the board of the Oregon United Nations association. All women of the community are invited to attend.

The Associated Student Body of Rogue River academy will present its annual Amateur Hour Saturday night, May 11, at 7:45 in the Lincoln school gymnasium.

Don McIvor, former assistant pastor in the Medford Valley's Seventh-day Adventist churches, who is now doing pastoral work in the Prineville area will be present, and serve as master of ceremonies.

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Revival Services Start Monday at Mt. Pitt Church

Revival services will start Monday, May 13, at the Mt. Pitt Avenue Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Norrie O. Clift, Cambria, Calif., evangelist. Services will start at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Clift is a graduate of Pasadena Nazarene college and served as associate minister and youth director of the First Church of the Nazarene in Los Angeles for three years. He has traveled in Europe and the Holy Lands and one night during the revival he will show colored pictures showing Nazarene mission churches.

George McUne will be song evangelist throughout the revival and Mrs. Alva Yoakum, minister of music, will direct the choir for each service.

The First Church of the Nazarene will furnish music several nights as well as other churches in the valley. Cooperating churches include Ashland church of the Nazarene, Phoenix Church of the Nazarene, First Baptist church of Medford, and the Medford Friends church.

Mrs. Clift will accompany Mr. Clift to Medford. The revival will continue through May 19. At the close of the revival the list of charter members in the Mt. Pitt Avenue church will be closed.

United Thank Offering Sunday at St. Mark's

Pennies, nickles, dimes and dollars are being emptied during May from little "blue boxes" in countless Episcopalian homes as the women of the Episcopal church gather in their united thank offering. St. Mark's church has set Sunday as their spring united thank offering gathering. The "blue boxes" are familiar sights in Episcopalian homes. Into them members put their contributions, according to their means, to express their gratitude for life's blessings.

The gifts are given in thanksgiving and are completely voluntary and in addition to regular church pledges.

The blue boxes are collected twice a year, during Spring and Fall and the proceeds used to train young women for church work, to provide scholarships for specialized training in social service, medicine and rural work. It also helps repair old buildings, pay for new ones and it provides retirement allowances for women workers in the church.

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Tribute to Mothers Saturday Afternoon

A tribute to mothers will open the young people's meeting at the Medford Seventh-day Adventist church at 5:45 Saturday afternoon. Linda and John Trude, children of the pastor will recite "How God Makes a Mother," and "Mother's Face," and Jim Kepster, vocal soloist will present a Mother's Day selection.

Following the recognition of mothers, the program, under the direction of Miss Gladys Beddoe, will continue with a study of Japan, its people and their way of life, and a short resume of denominational mission work there. Two color films will be shown.

A medical evangelistic center in Osaka, Japan has been designated by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as one of the recipients of the overflow mission offering for the quarter ending June 29, and a special offering for that field will be taken at the close of the meeting.

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Baptists Set Banquet and Film

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The film "Seventeen" recently received the award as "film of the year" by Youth Cinema Inc., an interdenominational group. The production is designed especially for young people. The story backdrop is a modern high school, where a group of students make it known that they are Christians. The film will be shown on Sunday evening at 6:30.

Tonight the women's fellowship and their daughters will be served dinner by the men of the church under the direction of Vince Smith. Music for the dinner will be supplied by the daughters in the form of solos, duets and trios. Several of the mothers will give readings based on the theme "Hands." The toastmistress for the affair will be Mrs. Bonnie Wilson, and the evening devotion will be given by Mrs. J. W. Neely.

The Rev. James Neely is pastor of the congregation.

Ministers to Meet; Election of Officers

The last meeting of the Medford Ministerial association this spring will be held Tuesday, May 14, at 10 a.m. in the fireplace room of the First Presbyterian church, Medford. The following meeting will be held in September.

Officers for the coming year will be elected at the meeting. The Rev. John Bright, assistant pastor of St. Mark's Episcopal church, will give the devotional.

Paul Haviland, chairman of the Kiwanis club committee to investigate what can be done about removing indecent literature from the news stands, will speak to the group.

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