

Church News

Former Washington, D. C. Minister to Jacksonville

Jacksonville—The Rev. Robert Bridge, former assistant minister of the New York Avenue Presbyterian church, Washington, D.C., is scheduled to arrive here this evening to assume duties as temporary pastor of the Jacksonville Presbyterian church.

Mr. Bridge was assistant minister at the Washington church from 1948 until the death of the late Rev. Peter Marshall. For the following 14 months Mr. Bridge was acting pastor of the church until his retirement in 1951. Since that time he has been active in church fund raising, making his home in Abilene, Texas.

The Rev. Mr. Bridge, who will be accompanied here by his wife, will make his home at the parsonage in Jacksonville. The building was recently renovated by the members of the church.

Mr. Bridge will preach at the 11 a.m. Sunday service.

Church Spokesman Calls for H-Bomb Tests to Stop

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press Correspondent

Buck Hills Falls, Pa. —A church spokesman today called for a "firm commitment" by the U. S. government to halt H-bomb test if scientists decide they are endangering health.

Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, said the United States has sound reasons for insisting that a ban on nuclear tests must be part of an overall agreement.

But Nolde told leaders of 32 major Protestant denominations that the risks of an "inadequate agreement" with Russia must be run if at any time scientific opinion preponderantly asserts an immediate risk to health from continuing nuclear tests.

In a speech before the U. S. Conference for the World Council of Churches, Nolde said there are "disagreements" among experts at present about the degree of danger to health caused by radioactive fallout from nuclear tests. He said the government should consider strongly the opinion of scientists "brought together under impartial international auspices, such as the United Nations Committee on Radiation Dangers."

Nolde, an associate general secretary of the World Council of churches, also warned that the Eisenhower Doctrine carries the danger of indirect U. S. "aggression against the will of the people" in some Middle East nations. Such "aggression" could result, he said, from using U. S. military aid to keep an unpopular government in power.

Dr. Walter Horton, professor of theology at Oberlin college, Oberlin, Ohio, told the final session of the three-day conference that Protestants are moving steadily but "cautiously" toward greater unity.

Horton predicted that historic headway toward unity will be achieved next September when 43 U. S. and Canadian denominations meet at Oberlin.

At this conference, for the first time, major denominations will grapple directly with differences in doctrine and organization that stand in the way of reunion, and will review "concrete ways and means" for achieving eventual organic unity.

Youth Work Day for Christ Nets \$40 For Mission Work

Nearly \$40 was earned by the youth of the Medford Advent Christian church Saturday during a project of washing and polishing cars.

The project was the answer of the young people to a national denominational call to aid missions by a "youth work day for Christ." Many of the youth worked all day at the car washing project while others worked at odd jobs and contributed their earnings.

Adults in the congregation contributed the price of a mid-day lunch.

Summer Schedule Told By Christian Scientists

Beginning Sunday, June 2, and continuing through Sept. 29, First Church of Christ, Scientist, at Windsor and Oakwood dr., will hold its Sunday church services and Sunday school classes at 10 a.m. instead of 11 a.m.

AUDITORIUM PLANNED

Plans for a new auditorium to be constructed near the Church of Christ, Central Point, were approved at a meeting of the congregation last Sunday. Final plans will be completed soon with construction starting sometime in the late summer, according to the Rev. Mr. Jean M. Shelley, pastor.

The Jacksonville church has been without a permanent pastor since the resignation of the Rev. Norman K. Tully, present pastor of the Central Point Presbyterian church, last December.

The pulpit has been filled during the past five months by members of the Presbyterian Men's club of the Medford Presbyterian church and members of the staff of Southern Oregon college.



ASSEMBLY DELEGATES—The Rev. D. J. Barnett Sr. (left) pastor of the Hope Presbyterian church, Rogue River, and Arthur M. Peters, elder of the Ashland Presbyterian church, talk in the exhibit hall at the 169th General Assembly meeting of the Presbyterian church in the U.S.A. in Omaha, Neb., May 16-22. They were commissioner and elder-commissioner from the Southwest Oregon Presbytery to the General Assembly. Dr. Harold R. Martin, pastor of Second Presbyterian church, Bloomington, Ill., was elected moderator of the church at the General Assembly.

Cave Junction Pastor To Leave Next Month

Cave Junction — (Special) — The Rev. Don Trimmer, for more than two and one-half years the pastor of Kerby Assembly of God church, has accepted a call to the Sutherland Assembly of God church. He and Mrs. Trimmer, with their four children, will leave the valley about June 1.

No replacement as been announced church officers.

Active in all types of community endeavor, Mr. and Mrs. Trimmer have been especially interested in youth work. During their services here, the 24 by 48 feet Sunday school annex was built to the Kerby church. Mr. Trimmer served for a year and one-half as president of the local Ministerial association.

With the Trimmers' leaving, three valley churches are now without permanent ministers. Dr. Elmer Wilder, who has served at the Cave Junction community church since January has moved on to other evangelistic fields. Don Brown, high school instructor, has filled in at the Selma Baptist church since the Rev. Paul Anderson left last year.

Methodists Announce Sunday Schedule

"Prayer for Service" will be the anthem at the 9:30 a.m. service at the First Methodist church Medford, with Miss Rosemary Doolen, soprano soloist, and Miss Nancy Walstead playing the violin obligato. The solo for both services will be by Otis Swisher, singing, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy."

Sermon by Dr. Raymond E. Balcomb will be, "The Will of God." The chancel choir anthem will be, "The Beatitudes" with H. S. Daniels singing the solos at the 11 a.m. service.

Church school, with Charles Thompson Jr., general superintendent, operates almost two complete sessions, at 9:30 and 11. The nursery, kindergarten and primary children will find classes or group at both sessions. The junior age group meets at 9:30, the junior high and senior high groups meet at 11 a.m.

Junior High MYF will meet at 5:30 p.m., and the Senior High MYF will meet at 7 p.m. All youth of these age groups are invited to attend.

Christian Church Tells Sunday Plans

The topic for the sermon by the Rev. William C. Piper at the First Christian church Sunday morning will be "The Power of Prayer." A quartet composed of Mrs. Walter Larsen, Mrs. Gloria Smith, Warren Fairbanks, and Neal Curry will sing "How Shall the young Secure their Hearts?" The chancel choir will present the anthem "The Lord is My Shepherd." A coffee hour will follow the morning services.

At the evening services Mr. Piper will preach on the subject "The Quest for God." Youth Fireside will be at the Glen W. Allen home.

Sams Valley Gospel Church Plans Second Anniversary Picnic

Sams Valley—The Second Anniversary celebration picnic of the Sams Valley Gospel church will be held Sunday following the morning worship service.

The celebration picnic will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wyce Surgeon on Agate rd., route 1, box 120, Eagle Point. The group will meet on the property near the Rogue River and families are asked to take picnic lunches. Boating, water skiing, horseshoes, and other activities are planned for the afternoon.

At the morning service Pat Miller will be the speaker with Gordon Petterson speaking at the regular service at 7:30 p.m.

Phoenix Baptists To Dedicate New Auditorium Sunday

Phoenix—Formal Dedication services will be conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. consecrating the new auditorium of the First Baptist church, Phoenix.

The church which is located at the corner of First and Rose sts., is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, and the Siskiyou Association of Baptist churches. Organized as a Mission of the Temple Baptist church of Medford in 1951 it became constituted as an independent church in August of the following year. Purchase was then made of property which was temporarily used for worship and on which the present new auditorium was completed. Later construction plans include remodeling of the pastors residence and erection of educational facilities.

The Rev. K. G. West, first pastor of the Phoenix church, and now pastor of Stewart-Lenoix church in Klamath Falls, will preach the dedication sermon. Other former pastors are expected to be present and have part on the program.

Mrs. Robert Vinson will sing, "Bless This House," and the church orchestra, directed by Ralph Carroll, will play. Accompaniment will be by Mrs. E. W. Kimmons.

The pastor, the Rev. Perry M. Johnson, was instrumental in the initial formation of the church and has served as its fourth pastor for the past several months. Mr. Johnson has also served as assistant Protestant Chaplain in the Camp White domiciliary since 1951.

Activities Told By Phoenix Church

Phoenix—Plans were made for several programs to be held at the First Presbyterian church, Phoenix, at meetings held last week.

The daily vacation Bible school will be held June 10 through 14 it was announced with Mrs. Charles Marrs as superintendent. The staff of teachers were named and materials distributed. Dedication service for the workers will be held Sunday, June 9, at the morning church service.

Sunday, May 26, all teachers of the Sunday school are planning a visitation trip to the First Presbyterian church, Medford, for their 11 a.m. Sunday school hour. Cars will leave the church about 10:50 a.m. it was announced.

Plans were also made to procure missionary maps and material for each department in the Sunday school to stimulate more interest in missions and the part the local church has in that program.

Two delegates will represent the Sunday school at the Lewis and Clark Training school. Delegates chosen by the Sunday school cabinet at their Tuesday meeting were Mrs. J. L. Vencil and Mrs. Marrs.

It was voted by the Sunday school to hold a food sale to help defray expenses of the two delegates. The food sale will be held Saturday, June 1, with the senior adult class in charge of arrangements.

The discussion group Sunday will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Nicodemus, 1122 West Fourth st., Medford, at 6:30 p.m.

Hostesses for the coffee hour following the morning service Sunday will be Mrs. A. V. Thompson and Mrs. Ernest James. The sermon topic will be "Isaiah, The Prophet," and the film, "All That I Have," will be shown for the youth group at 7:30 p.m.

Sermon Topics, Music Told for Presbyterian

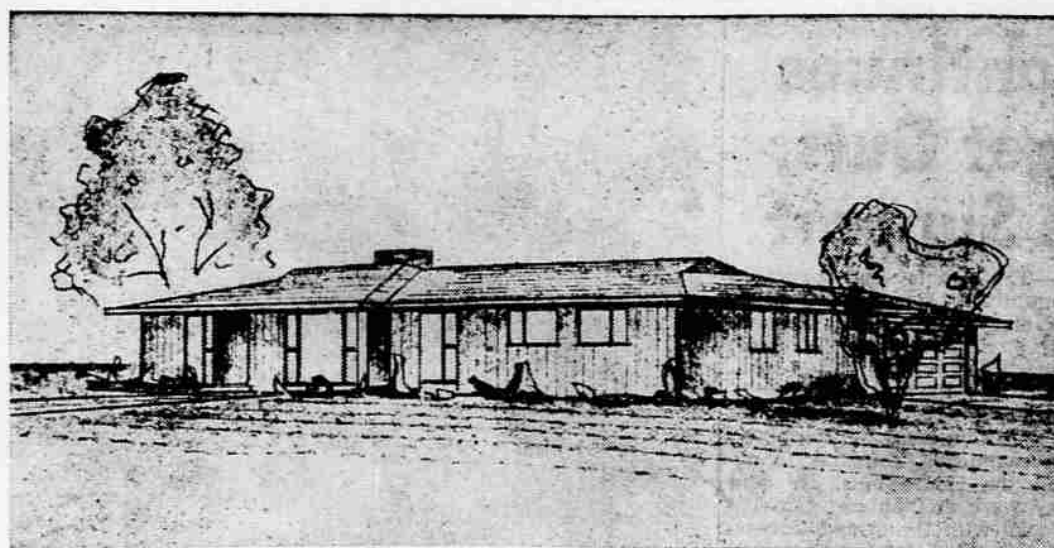
Dr. D. Kirkland West will preach at both morning worship services of the First Presbyterian church Sunday. The sermon topic will be "What About Separation of Church and State?"

Lynn Sjolund will sing the solo "Out of the Deep have I Called unto Thee" and the Westminster and chancel choirs will sing anthems.

The evening service will be held at 7 p.m. in the Fireplace room of the church. Young people and adults join together for this service. Westminster fellowship will be led in a discussion on summer conferences by the Christian Faith Commission. Fireside will be at the home of Judy Brill, 75 Lozier lane. The Freshman Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m.

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
"Modern Pilgrims"



PLANS APPROVED—Plans have been approved by members of the First Methodist church, Medford, for a new parsonage to cost an estimated \$28,000. The 13-room parsonage will include four bedrooms, a family room, and minister's study and will be built on property at Hollywood and Wellen sts., which was acquired by the church a year ago. Plans were drawn by the firm of James L. Payne, represented in Medford by Wayne

Struble. Contractor's bids on construction will be opened at the church at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 6, and construction will begin immediately upon acceptance of a bid. Church officials said that no additional campaign for funds will be necessary as the resources from the sale of the former parsonage with money pledged in a campaign 18 months ago will cover construction costs.

Officers Elected By Methodists

The annual church conference of the First Methodist church elected I. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Culbertson Sr., to the position of honorary steward in recognition of faithful service.

The Rev. Meredith Groves, district superintendent of the Eugene District of the Methodist church, presided at the meeting and installed the officers of the church for next year. Dr. Raymond E. Balcomb, minister, and the Rev. G. A. Trobough, associate minister, assisted in the installation service.

Everett Faber was elected lay leader, with Richard Fanger, as lay leader elect for 1958. Trustees elected for the class of 1960 were, Dr. Eugene Ray, Riley Cook, Walter Higgins; elective stewards for the class of 1960 were Melvin Ward, Dale Erickson, John Dickson, Roy Gilbertson, Mrs. Floyd Lewis, Mrs. Riley Applegate, Mrs. Howard Bush, Mrs. Robert Sage, James Walker, Al Filatreau, and Alvin Minshall.

Actions by the conference were the approval of the new budget for 1957-58; the hearing and reading of the reports of the various boards, commissions, committees, the ministers; the approval by the fourth quarterly conference of the plans of the parsonage, and the election and installation of the officers.

Reports To Be Given Congregationalists

At the Congregational church Sunday morning the Rev. Thomas McCamant will speak on "Modern Pilgrims." There will also be reports by the two delegates from the church to the annual conference sessions in Corvallis, Mrs. C. D. Elhart and Mrs. Henry Padgham.

At 2 p.m. the Pilgrim Fellowship will gather for a work project on the property. This will include with a hamburger barbecue and a business meeting at which new officers will be elected.

At 7:30 the Couples club will meet at the parsonage with the Paul Norrises and the McCamants as co-hosts. The program will include the showing of a film.

Week of Study Planned By Temple Baptists

Temple Baptist church will engage in a week's study on Christian witness, May 27 through May 31. The adults will study "How to Win to Christ," the young people will study "Winning Others to Christ," and the Intermediates will learn about "Witnessing for Christ." The boys and girls of Junior age will study "Jesus Saves."

All these books have been written by demonational leaders for the specific age group, and all deal with the Christian's obligation to witness and the "How To Do It" of witnessing. Classes will be held each evening from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

PASTOR'S CLASS SUNDAY

Clearing the Ground for Prayer, will be the topic Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for the pastor's "Talk-It-Over-Class," at the First Presbyterian church, Central Point. The class is taught by the pastor, the Rev. Norman K. Tully. Interested persons are invited to attend.

Christian Science is the religion founded by Mary Baker Eddy and represented by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., and its branches in all countries.



PRECONTEST DINNER—The Rev. Lester Wilcox Jr. (left) pastor of the Forest Acres Community church, talks with the Rev. Allen W. Hill, American Sunday School Union missionary, annual Bibleletics contest was held later that afternoon at the Forest Acres Community church. The contest and attendance awards were won by the Meadows Sunday school. More than 100 persons attended the day's activities from seven American Sunday School Union groups.

Meadows Group Wins Bibleletics Contest

Meadows Sunday school from the Upper Evans Creek area was awarded first prize for the largest number in attendance and the largest percentage of the Sunday school present at the Bibleletics contest held Sunday by the area American Sunday School Union groups.

The meeting was held at the Forest Acres church preceded by a potluck dinner at the Table Rock school. One hundred ten persons attended the event.

The Meadows Sunday school was also winner of the gold cup in the annual Bibleletics contest that was held. The contest was judged on verses picked at random from Bible verses learned by the different age groups.

Griffin Creek Union Sunday school was second in the contest.

Seven American Sunday School Union groups, Forest Acres, Griffin Creek, Meadows, Table Rock, Foothills, Wonder, and Brownsboro, were present for the occasion. The Union which was started in 1917, supports Sunday schools in sparsely populated areas where there are no churches. It is solely supported by the contributions of interested persons.

The Brownsboro and Foothills Creek Sunday schools were started in 1925, the oldest in district, with the Table Rock group joining the American Sunday School Union in 1927. The Antelope group is the fourth oldest having started in 1932.

Events sponsored by the Union include Vacation Bible schools during the summer and a summer Bible camp.

The Rev. Allen W. Hill of Central Point is the missionary for the local district.

Graduation Theme of Sermon at Friends

"So You're Graduating" will be the theme of pastor Clynthon Crisman's message in the 9:45 a.m. worship service at the Friends church Sunday. For the 11 a.m. worship hour he will bring a Memorial Day message, "A Christian Looks at Death." Kenneth Kumasawa will be soloist for both services.

Sunday School for adults and children will be held at 9:45 a.m. and for junior high through college age at 11 a.m.

The regular evening services, Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p.m. and praise and worship hour at 7:30 p.m., will be dismissed so that the congregation may attend Baccalaureate Service at Crater High school.

LAYMAN TO PREACH

George Flanagan, member of the Presbyterian Men's club of Medford, will preach Sunday at the morning service at the Hope Presbyterian church, Rogue River. The pastor, the Rev. D. Floyd Barnett of Rogue River, is attending the General Assembly of the church in Omaha, Nebraska.

FAMILY NIGHT

Family night will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian church, Phoenix.

Baptists to Show Film Wednesday At High School

The story of Scotland's struggle against tyranny will be told on the panoramic motion picture screen Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., in the Medford High school auditorium. "Fire on the Heather," the newest film in the series of feature-length pictures produced by the Billy Graham organization, will feature two of Scotland's leading actors, Donald Crisp and Duncan McCrae.

Filmed entirely on location in authentic settings, the sequences recreate such incidents as the failure of the Roman conquest in the border country, Columba's introduction of Christianity to the king of the Picts, and John Knox's battle for reform during the reign of Mary, Queen of Scots.

The scenes are played by an all-Scottish cast.

"Fire on the Heather" climaxes with a demonstration of Scotland's effort to return to the faith of her fathers, as the Billy Graham Crusade in the city of Glasgow is visited for a glimpse of the great crowds in Kelvin Hall, music by the 1500-voice choir and a sequence featuring Evangelist Graham himself.

Arrangements for the local showing, which is free, are being made by the Rev. Haddon Robinson of the First Baptist church.

Darold Bigger Gets Good Conduct Ribbon

Darold Bigger, seventh grade student at Rogue River Academy was presented with a Good Conduct ribbon, the highest honor bestowed upon a Pathfinder, at the Pathfinder Investiture service Tuesday evening. To receive this award, Elder Walter Blehm stated, the recipient must be selected at least three months prior to the time it is given, and observed, without his knowledge, during that time by Adventist church and club leaders, and by school faculty members. He must be found loyal at all times to the standards held by church, club, and school, be regular in attendance in functions of all three, and display outstanding leadership qualities.

Only 15 to 20 such awards have been made throughout the conference, the youth leader stated. Two of these were received previously by Medford club members, Muriel Wilbur, and Oral Tucker Jr.

The Pathfinder Investiture service conducted in the Medford Seventh-day Adventist church was the largest held in the Oregon Conference, during the past eight years, according to Elder Blehm.

Local club leaders and teachers from the denomination's church school, Rogue River Academy, were congratulated for also the highest percentage of club members, and the highest percentage of students qualifying for progressive class awards at any one time through the eight year period.

Relief Fund Drive Ends Saturday

A six-week "self-denial" drive for famine and disaster relief funds will be climaxed Saturday, May 25, when Medford Valley View, and Eagle Point Seventh-day Adventist church members return family banks into which they have deposited daily meal-time thank offerings. Distributed to Adventist families in mid-March, the table-top banks will supplement the Famine and Disaster Relief Fund of the church.

UNITY TRUTH CENTER

Sunday Devotional Service and Sunday School for Children 11 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

CHURCH for Sale

Large corner lot with parking area located in Medford Ph. KE 5-1457 or NO 4-2829

DEATH and TAXES



Death and taxes are said to be certain, and an accounting of man's stewardship is also certain. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (or accounting). How do you stand?

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, classes for all ages
11:00 a.m.—"Stewardship—Man's Sacred Trust" (Broadcast, KBOY)
7:45 p.m.—Evening Evangelistic Hour, Baptismal service

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

(Conservative) James W. Neely, Pastor
N. Central at 5th Where Visitors Are Always Welcome



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"The Friendly Church"
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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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