

Church News

General Assembly Selects Medford Pastor as Advisor

Dr. D. Kirkland West, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, was notified this week of his appointment to the committee to advise and counsel the Steadfast of the Presbyterian church in the U.S.A. He was one of three Presbyterian ministers from the church-at-large chosen for this position.

The General Council of the church nominated Dr. West for the committee and the General Assembly approved the nomination.

The letter, in which the local pastor was notified of his appointment, stated that it was in recognition of the "outstanding work of the Medford Presbyterian church in the field of stewardship and promotion."

When contacted regarding the appointment, Dr. West said that the duties would necessitate at least two trips to New York City during the year.

The stewardship and benevolence program of the Medford church was recognized nationally earlier this year when Dr. West and George Flanagan, elder-trustee of the church, reported on the work done by the church at a Moderator's Briefing meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, in February.

During 1956 the First Presbyterian church, Medford, gave \$50,000 to benevolences and had \$49,000 for current expenses.

Summer Schedule Starts at St. Peter

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church, 1020 East Main st., Medford, begins a summer schedule of two services, Sunday morning, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. The early service will begin at 8 a.m. The remainder of the schedule is unchanged: Sunday school and Bible study at 9:30 a.m. and worship with sermon and holy communion at 11 a.m. This schedule is to be in effect until the end of September, according to the pastor, the Rev. Kenneth Korbey.

The Walther League of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church, will be hosts this week end to teen agers from the other Lutheran churches of the Missouri Synod of Southern Oregon. About 50 young people are expected to participate in the program of study, prayer, recreation and general fellowship.

Park Services Set By Adventist Churches

Members of four Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Medford-Ashland area will meet Saturday at 4 p.m. in the Rogue River Academy park.

Music will be provided with the entire group participating in song service, and special musical selections being presented by the Ashland children's choir.

Following the park service, Elder Floyd Bresce, pastor of the Ashland and Valley View churches, and Elder John Trude, pastor of the Medford and Eagle Point churches, will conduct a joint baptismal service in the baptism of the Valley View church.

Reception to Honor Jacksonville Pastor

Jacksonville — A reception will be held Sunday, June 2, at the First Presbyterian church, Jacksonville, in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Bridge. Mr. Bridge is the new interim pastor at the church, having arrived last week.

The reception will be held from 5 until 7 p.m. and church members and friends are invited to attend.

More members of Congress belong to the Methodist church than to any other denomination. A survey by the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress showed 105 Methodists in the House and Senate, 95 Roman Catholics, 68 Presbyterians, 67 Baptists, 60 Episcopalians. There were 116 members of various other Protestant bodies, 12 members of the Jewish faith, one Hindu, and four with no listed religious affiliation.

Friends to Hear Assistant Pastor

Speaker for the 7:30 p.m. service at the Friends church Sunday will be James Higgins, who will be assistant pastor at the church for the summer months. Mr. Higgins attended George Fox and Whitworth colleges, and was graduated last month from Berkeley Baptist Divinity school. His duties here will include youth work, music supervision, leadership in Vacation Bible School and Camp Sawalib-nais, and preaching.

Pastor Clayton Crisman will speak at the 9:45 and 11 a.m. worship hours. Music will be provided by Mr. Higgins and his wife, Elaine. Sunday school will be held at 9:45 and 11 a.m., with missionary emphasis and offering. Christian Endeavor groups for grade school, high school and college young people will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Early Services Begin Sunday at St. Luke's

Starting Sunday, June 2, St. Luke's Methodist church will hold both church school and morning worship at 9:30 a.m. Several weeks ago the members of the church were asked to state their preferred time for the summer services. The 9:30 hour was chosen so that the families might have more time together during the warm summer months.

These services will be of an informal nature so that the families can be dressed for the rest of the day's activities. Pastor John Taylor feels that the dignity of the worship service is not determined by the wearing apparel of the worshiper.

The congregation is meeting in Bigham hall at the Jackson County Fairgrounds on Stewart ave. until their first building is erected.

John Albert Taylor, pastor, will deliver a biographical sermon Sunday morning entitled: "Charles Reynolds Brown, Christian."

Foreign Born Citizens To Be Subject Sunday

Foreign-born United States residents will be the subject of special emphasis at the Rogue Valley Seventh-day Adventist churches, Saturday, June 1.

Stress will be on providing Christian literature for those who retain their mother tongue in this country.

"While Seventh-day Adventists now print Christian literature and books abroad in 42 publishing houses and in 202 different languages, these publications are not geared to the newly arrived prospective U.S. citizen," according to Elder John Trude, pastor of the Medford church.

The offering, according to the minister, will be used by three major Adventist publishing companies in the U.S. to create the new Christian reading material.

Salvation Army to Hold Bible School Starting June 10

Pioneering with Christ is the theme of the coming Salvation Army Vacation Bible school. It is to be held June 10 to June 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served each day.

All children will meet at the Salvation Army Hall on the corner of Fourth and Bartlett streets at 9:30 a.m. June 10. From the hall they will be transported to The Salvation Army Shelter on Crews rd., where special accommodations have been prepared.

There will be religious training, crafts, and fellowship for all from 3 to 17 years of age. A dedication service will be held for all the teachers and workers, at 11 a.m., Sunday, June 9.

Picnic Sunday; Bible School Starts

Bible school will be held for two weeks starting Monday at 9 a.m. at the Berean Baptist church, White City. The school will be held from Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 12 noon daily.

Sunday a potluck picnic will be held by the church at Tou Velle park following the worship service.



Dave Donaldson

Sacred Music Program Planned

A program of sacred music will be presented at the First Baptist church Wednesday, June 5, by Dave Donaldson, baritone from Denver, Colo.

Mr. Donaldson was formerly of Grants Pass where he became state high jump champion. He was graduated from Rockmont college in Denver and from the Conservative Baptist Theological seminary there. He has conducted his own radio programs over Denver radio stations and has recorded on the Sacred Record and Miracle Record labels.

Mrs. Donaldson will accompany him. She is a graduate of Casper Wyoming Junior college and of Rockmont college. She will play several of her own hymn arrangements at the program.

The public is invited to attend.

Christian Church to Honor Children's Day

Children's Day will be observed at the First Christian church Sunday morning. During the Bible school hour a program will be presented by the Primary department under the direction of Mrs. Howard Gault.

The topic of the sermon which the Rev. William C. Piper will give at the morning worship service will be "The Good Shepherd." Musical numbers will include a solo by Mrs. Vera Selby and an anthem by the church choir. A coffee hour will follow the morning services.

There will be no youth fellowship meetings or worship services Sunday evening because of the High School Baccalaureate services.

Mr. Piper will attend the graduation exercises at Northwest Christian college in Eugene next week. He is a trustee of the college.

Communion Sunday; Church Workers Visit In Medford Church

Eight Sunday school teachers and workers of the First Presbyterian church, Phoenix, visited the Sunday school at the Medford Presbyterian church last Sunday at the 11 a.m. service. Each teacher visited the department which she worked in at the Phoenix church.

The discussion group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Nicodemus in Medford last Sunday. Twenty-four attended the meeting when fund raising was discussed. J. O. N. Poling led the devotion.

Communion will be celebrated at the 11 a.m. service Sunday. The high school baccalaureate service will be held at 8 p.m. at the church with the Rev. Ernest Volkman, pastor, as speaker.

MYF Elects Officers; Plans Trip to Camp

Mike Phillips was elected president of the Junior High MYF of the First Methodist church recently.

Other officers elected were Rome Atkins, vice-president; Betsy Beck, second-vice-president; Marilyn Overstreet, secretary; and Mike Higgins, Treasurer. Chairman elected were Mary Trobough and Lee Worth, worship; and Carol Kent and Bill Thompson, fellowship.

Friday, June 7, the group go to Dead Indian Soda Springs camp. Reservations are necessary. One group will leave the church at 2 p.m. with the second group leaving at 5 p.m.

Twenty-one sermons of Harry Emerson Fosdick on contemporary Christian problems are available at the Medford Public Library. Ask for "What Is Vital in Religion?"

Billy Graham Reviews New York Crusade— 10,000 Decisions Made

Editor's Note: Billy Graham's New York Crusade is now in its third week. Almost 10,000 persons have answered his call this far to make "decisions for Christ," more than he had anticipated. Graham reviews the progress of his revival in the following story.

By BILLY GRAHAM
Written for United Press

New York—The crusade in New York City has already surpassed our expectations. We had prepared and prayed for two years that the course of spiritual renewal might be cracked in this city, but we were never prepared for the floodtide of spiritual renewal that we are now witnessing.

New York has been termed a city of sophistication and cynicism, but we have found a deep spiritual longing here that is beyond anything we have ever witnessed anywhere in the world.

There were many voices warning that New York could not be touched and that people here would not respond. The people here are no different from those in any village or town across America. Their needs, longings and desires for peace, joy and reality are just as intense on Times Square or in Greenwich Village as they are in Detroit, Minneapolis, or Houston. Perhaps their intensity is even greater.

Those responding to the invitation represent a cross-section of New York's complex life. Many theatrical and Broadway names have shown up among those who have made decisions for Christ. Many of New York's top social and business leaders have attended, and many have come forward to accept Christ into their lives.

There have been taxi cab drivers, machinists, railroad engineers, dock workers, accountants, secretaries and union officers who have also made sincere response to the appeal.

I have a letter here on my desk from a minister who says that he has already received ninety-five decision cards, of which forty are new people that want to join his church.

Unchurched Attendees We have had the largest number of unchurched coming to these meetings of any city we have ever been to. There are hundreds in the Garden each evening who have no clue as to what Christianity is all about. Many come out of curiosity and stay behind asking Christ to change their lives.

What we are seeing in New York can happen in any city where Christians couple their earnest prayers with spiritual unity and concerted action.

In a sense it is not a miracle—it is the result of observing age-old spiritual laws. The Bible says: "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their iniquity, and will heal their land." Christians the world over have prayed, and God has heard.

Our prayer is that the awakening of this great city to a God-consciousness will set off a chain reaction that will spread to all America.

Parade Saturday to Start Bible School Jacksonville—Students of the Jacksonville Assembly of God church will participate in a parade Saturday, June 1, at 1:30 p.m.

All children from the ages of 4 through 14 may enter the parade and should meet at the church or at the Nugget cafe by 1 p.m. Entries may include decorated wagons, bicycles, tricycles, doll buggies, scooters, or other small vehicle or small pets. Children without entries will be supplied with head bands or other items.

A registration booth will be set up at the church where children of the community may register for the Bible school which starts Monday, June 3, at the church at 9 a.m.

Treats will be available for the children participating in the parade.

Unitarian Fellowship To Hold Final Meeting Sunday in Medford

The Rogue Valley Unitarian Fellowship will finish the Old Testament section of their current series, "Religious Liberals Examine the Bible," Sunday at 8 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hatch, 3131 Madrona lane, Medford, with Mrs. Helen Ashley presenting the program. The study will be on Bible poetry with emphasis on the Psalms.

This will be the last meeting of the season by the group. The date of a mid-summer picnic will be announced at a later date.

Christianity will soon have powerful voices for "electronic evangelism" in two of the most important missionary areas of the world. Giant radio transmitters of 100,000-watts each will be built in the Near East and in the Philippines to broadcast to the Far East. Both projects are sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

Nazarene Church to Honor Graduates Sunday at Service

High school graduates will be honored Sunday at the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st. The minister, the Rev. R. W. Hurn, will preach a message for the graduates and their families. A gift from the congregation will be presented each graduate.

Those to be honored from the Nazarene Sunday school include: Jerry Anderson, Ronnie Anderson, Nancy Eck, Sandra Goucher, Ellen Kay McUine, Wynona Minter, Steve Shorey, Ron Warner, and Phyllis Wright.

Church Leaders Talk of U. S. Foreign Aid

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press Correspondent

Washington—(U.P.)—Church leaders are taking up the political action cudgels in an attempt to save the U. S. foreign aid program from sharp cuts threatened in Congress.

They believe that a nation as wealthy as America has an obligation to continue and even expand its economic aid to less fortunate countries, and that this obligation flows from Christian principles on which the church has a duty to speak out.

Top officials of the National Council of Churches feel so strongly about the moral issues involved that they are taking unusual steps to rally public sentiment in favor of a "strengthened" economic aid program.

The council's governing board, representing 30 major orthodox denominations, has appealed to 400,000 local ministers across the country to explain the church position to their congregations and urge members to write their congressmen.

Churchmen hope this belated campaign will offset the heavy mail that members of Congress are receiving from constituents who demand that foreign aid spending be drastically curtailed or eliminated.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the national council, emphasized to a reporter that churches are not "lobbying" for any particular foreign aid figure, nor are they committed to the program recommended by President Eisenhower.

"We are simply expressing Christian concern about the basic principles which we believe our country should follow in its foreign aid policies," he said.

These principles were spelled out in a policy statement which the council's 250-member governing board adopted unanimously at its recent meeting at Williamsburg, Va.

"We believe our nation should seek ways of being of greater assistance to our fellowmen in economically underdeveloped areas," the church leaders said.

Programs of economic and technical aid, instead of being cut, should be "strengthened and expanded to the full extent of our capabilities," they asserted.

The statement said economic aid should be extended out of an unselfish desire to help the less fortunate raise their living standards, and should be kept entirely separate from military aid programs designed to bolster our own security.

It opposed any policy which would restrict U. S. economic aid to our allies in the cold war.

"Our aid," it said, "should be related primarily to economic and social need . . . rather than to immediate political and security considerations."

Graduates Honored; Teachers Installed By Phoenix Church

Phoenix—A dinner in honor of the high school and grade school graduates of the Church of the Nazarene, Phoenix, was held Monday evening at the church.

Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour officers for the church were installed. Monday, June 3, the new Sunday school church board will meet to install teachers for the coming year and plan the program for the summer months. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m.

The daily vacation Bible school held by the church each year will start Monday June 17 and continue for two weeks.

The growing shortage of trained ministers will be emphasized at service, in 4,500 congregations of the United Lutheran church on Sunday, April 28. The day has been set aside for calling special attention to "opportunities for service in church vocations."

Polish Red Regime Lets Primate Visit Vatican

(Editor's note: Charles Ridley was the United Press Correspondent in Poland during the "black church" period in 1938-51. He now is the UP news editor for Italy and covers the Vatican.)

By CHARLES RIDLEY
United Press Correspondent

Vatican City—The pilgrimage to the Vatican of Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, primate of Poland, is significant of 75 million Roman Catholics suffering under Communist domination.

It is the first time a primate has been able to come from a Communist country to Rome. It is an indication that the Polish Red regime failed to bring the church to heel. It reflects the Vatican's faith that in the end the church will triumph over Communism everywhere.

But high Vatican sources caution that the situation in Poland differs from other Iron Curtain countries and that even in Poland the church is officially considered to be under the grip of "atheistic Communism."

Beginning of Liberty Vatican quarters consider the release of Wyszynski from jail by the new "independent" Polish Red regime only a "tenuous beginning of a minimum of religious liberty."

In Hungary, Primate Josef Cardinal Mindszenty is neutralized as a church leader. After a brief period of freedom at the start of last October's rebellion, he took refuge in the U.S. embassy, where he remains today.

In Czechoslovakia, Monsignor Josef Beran, archbishop of Prague remains a prisoner in an unknown location.

In Yugoslavia, Primate Aloysius Cardinal Stepinac, though freed from prison, is confined to his native village and cut off from his flock.

In Romania, the small Catholic church has been virtually wiped out.

In all these countries, thousands of priests remain jailed or banished—or have been executed. Catholic quarters say 13,000 have been "removed" in these ways behind the Iron Curtain.

Seventy-five million of the church's 450 million adherents live in Communist-dominated countries, including Red China, the Baltic states and Eastern Europe. Of these, more than 25 million are in Poland.

The overwhelming religious faith of Polish Catholics showed itself in jam-packed churches and shrines throughout the worst terror of the Stalin era. But Vatican sources cite two other reasons why in their opinion Poland stands apart from other Red-dominated lands.

Symbol of Resistance 1. In Poland's brief spell of national liberty before World War II, its regime was more democratic than some other Eastern European states.

2. In Poland's 1,000-year history of oppressors, like Russia and Prussia, have been bitter enemies of the church. Thus, the sources say, the church became a symbol of resistance to oppression ingrained in the Polish character. Ninety per cent of the population is Catholic.

For these reasons Pope Pius XII and the Holy See cling firmly to their faith in the Polish church despite disturbing events.

Pastor to Attend District Convention The Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor of the Ascension Lutheran church, will attend the Pacific District convention of the Evangelical Lutheran churches in Parkland, Wash. The convention will be held Monday, June 3 through Thursday.

Since the pastor will be out of town the adult class at the church that usually meets Monday evenings will not be held this week.

Construction Bids on 10-Room Parsonage Set for Thursday

Bids will be opened at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 6, for the construction of the parsonage of the First Methodist church.

The plans for the building were approved by the members of the church. The building, estimated to cost \$28,000, will include four bedrooms, a family room, and minister's study, on property that the church purchased last year.

Plans for the building were drawn by the firm of James L. Payne, represented in Medford by Wayne Struble.

which at times made it appear the hierarchy was going along with the Red regime.

Vatican sources say it would be "premature" to expect any solid developments soon on a new concordat between the Vatican and Poland's new independent Communist regime or establishment of diplomatic relations between Warsaw and the Holy See.

But in the new situation in Poland and in the very fact that Wyszynski can come belatedly to receive his cardinal's red hat, Vatican officials see a "glimmer of hope."

Woman Who Can't Be A Missionary Donates \$100,000

By PATRICIA RIEHL
United Press Correspondent

San Antonio, Tex.—A 73-year-old teacher who can't realize her ambition to do missionary work has donated \$100,000 so that others can go to foreign lands.

Mrs. Lillian Nelson has lived all her life without most of the luxuries many of her friends take for granted. She has devoted herself to the Baptist church.

Mrs. Nelson and her late husband, Joseph Edward Nelson, both taught school. They didn't buy new cars. They took few vacations and wore made-over clothes until the garments became baggy and shiny.

They saved part of their small income and did without things. After years of skimping living, they saved up \$5,000 and invested it in steel company stocks.

The school-teaching couple built the investment into a future. But they never used it for themselves. Mrs. Nelson's small home here is simple and functional, with throw rugs rather than wall-to-wall carpeting.

This unselfish woman was born in Goldwaite, a small town in southwestern Texas. She first learned about missions at the family altar on their farm.

Her father, Washington Ladette Martin, was a captain in the Confederate army and a member of the Mills County Baptist Association for 20 years.

"I was delighted in getting all around him to read the Scriptures," she recalled. "We didn't have any money then—cotton was five cents a pound—but tithing and foreign missions were entrenched in our memories."

"We had some cattle and some hogs and sheep. We always knew the Lord would get the fattest yearling or the best lamb."

Gardens and Saws The driving energy Mrs. Nelson always has had still marks her everyday life. She teaches Sunday school, tutors college students working on Master's degrees, works in a dozen civic clubs, helps edit a small club paper and does creative writing . . . all at the age of 73.

In what she lightly calls her spare time, she puts in the garden, does interior decorating, ceramic work and painting, raises goldfish, sews, reads and cooks.

The \$100,000 Mrs. Nelson gave to Texas Baptists is in stocks. She transferred the stocks last March to the Baptist Foundation of Texas. In exchange, she received a gift annuity which assures her of an annual income the rest of her life.

"If I can't personally go to the foreign mission field," she said, "it is my duty to make provisions for those who can go."

When she signed the annuity papers, Mrs. Nelson said: "Who knows what things this gift may make possible? Maybe some day in Heaven a little boy will come up to me and say, 'You made it possible for me to be here.'"

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