

# Construction and Ministers Top 1957 Church News

## Stories Also on Property Purchases and Guest Speakers

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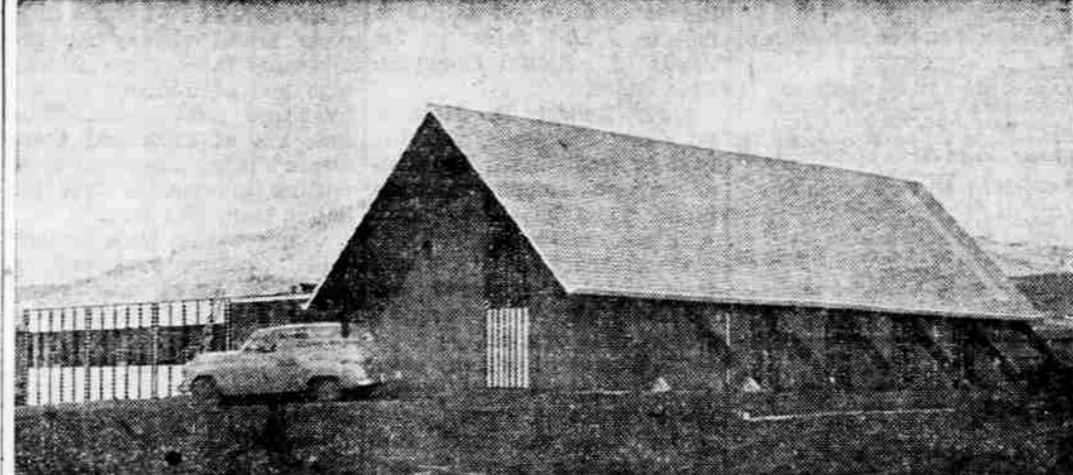
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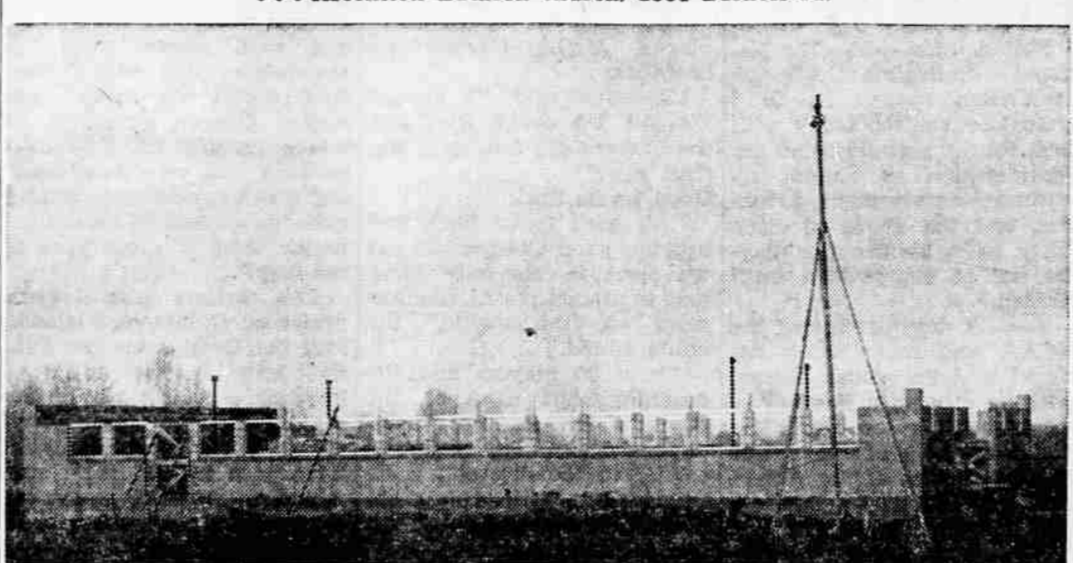
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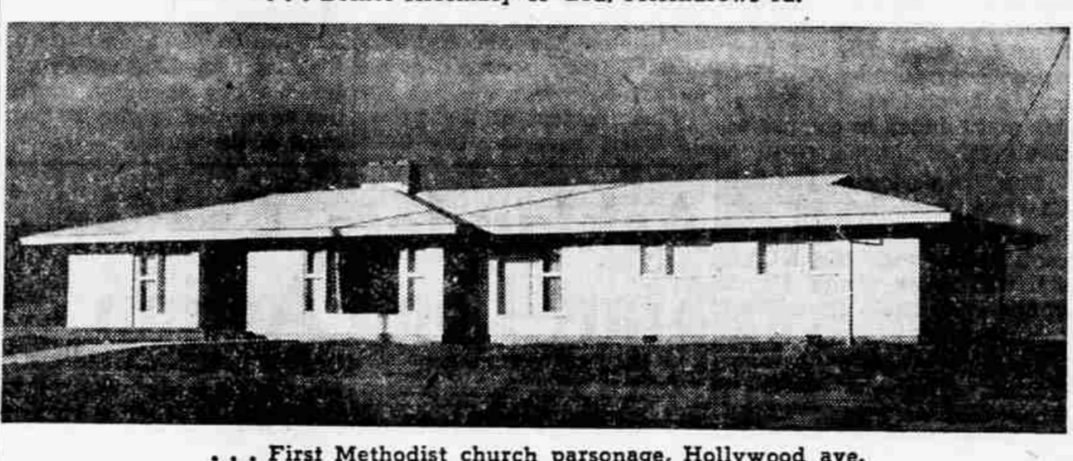
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## Officers Elected For Sabbath School

Delbert Hill, newly elected Sabbath school superintendent at the Medford Seventh-day Adventist church will conduct the first Sabbath school session of 1958 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Mr. Hill will be assisted by Mrs. Robert Jolliffe, secretary, and Miss Celeste Burrill, assistant secretary, who will acquaint Sabbath school members with the mission field chosen as a special project for the first quarter of the year.

Besides Mrs. Jolliffe and Miss Burrill, Mr. Hill's staff will include Harold Yost, Clair Wyant and Mrs. Eli Davis, assistant superintendent.

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In addition to those holding leadership positions there will be approximately 30 teachers of individual classes throughout the various divisions of the school.

Persons over 65 years comprise about 9 per cent of the U.S. population.

### CENTRAL POINT

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Third and Oak sts.  
Mr. Jean M. Shelley, minister

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school  
10:45 a.m.—Worship service  
10:45 a.m.—Junior church worship  
6:30 p.m.—Junior, Junior High and Senior youth meetings  
7:30 p.m.—Evening evangelistic service

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Midweek service

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
Paul O. Kroon, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school  
11 a.m.—Worship service  
6:30 p.m.—Prayer, junior and senior young people, basic Bible studies, pre-service prayer meeting  
7:30 p.m.—Evening evangelistic service

Monday: 7:30 p.m.—Men's prayer meeting

Wednesday: 7 p.m.—Choir practice  
8 p.m.—Bible study and prayer

Thursday: 7:30 p.m.—Teacher training class

### EAGLE POINT

**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST**  
Grange hall  
John Trude, pastor

Saturday: 9:30 a.m.—Sabbath school  
11 a.m.—Morning worship, Cliff-ford service  
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Estelle

### JACKSONVILLE

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Robert Bridge, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school  
11 a.m.—Worship service

**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Fr. William McLeod

Sunday: 9 a.m.—Mass

### PHOENIX

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
301 Third st.  
Martin M. Lumby, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school  
11 a.m.—Monday worship  
6:30 p.m.—NYPs  
7 p.m.—Evening worship

Monday: 7 p.m.—Young groups skating party

Wednesday: 7 p.m.—Prayer meeting

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Second and Church sts.

Sunday: 10 a.m.—Church school  
11 a.m.—Worship service  
12 noon—Coffee hour  
7 p.m.—Westminster fellowship

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.—Bible study and prayer hour

### SHADY COVE

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Sunday: 11 a.m.—Mass

**ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
(St. John's Episcopal)  
W. B. MacHenry, vicar

Sunday: 9 a.m.—Morning worship and sermon  
9:30 a.m.—Church school

### TALENT

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
First and Wagner  
Miss Alice May Woolley, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school  
11 a.m.—Worship service  
6:30 p.m.—Junior and Senior M.Y.F.  
7:30 p.m.—Evening worship service

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Friday: 8:45 p.m.—Fellowship supper

**WAGNER CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST**

Sunday: 10 a.m.—Sunday school  
7 p.m.—Bible study

Thursday: 7 p.m.—Prayer meeting

### RURAL CHURCHES

**CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL**  
W. B. MacHenry, vicar  
Prospect

Sunday: 10 a.m.—Church school  
11:15 a.m.—Holy communion and service  
6 p.m.—Episcopal youth of Oregon

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
Butte Falls  
Howard Simmonds, pastor

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.—Sunday school  
11 a.m.—Morning worship  
7 p.m.—Evening worship

Tuesday: 7 p.m.—Bible study and prayer

Wednesday: 3 p.m.—Good news club  
6:30 p.m.—Young people

Thursday: 7:30 p.m.—Choir practice

**GRIFIN CREEK UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
(Non-denominational)  
Griffin Creek Grange  
Tyley O. Evans, pastor

Sunday: 10 a.m.—Sunday school  
11 a.m.—Annual business meeting

7 p.m.—Bible study and prayer time

**ROGUE VALLEY SPIRITUALIST CHURCH**  
Route 1, Box 161, Gold Hill  
M. M. Kruse, D.D.

Sunday: 8 p.m.—Service

**SAMS VALLEY GOSPEL CHURCH**  
(Interdenominational)

Sunday: 10 a.m.—Sunday school  
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held... Advent Christian church host to annual spring meeting of Willamette Valley Advent Christian conference... Eagle Point Community Bible church completes 51st year... Medford Community church moves to corner West Main and Orange sts.

**MAY**  
Ashland Methodist approve plans for student center... Operation Search courses held at First Baptist church... the Rev. David F. Barnett, pastor of Hope Presbyterian church, Rogue River, and Arthur M. Peters, elder of Ashland Presbyterian church, attend General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the U.S.A. in Omaha, Nebr... Paul Haviland, Medford attorney, speaks to Ministerial group on indecent literature... Clynton Crisman, pastor of Medford Friends church, elected president of Medford Ministerial association... the Rev. James Neely, First Baptist church, vice-president of association with the Rev. Escil Hiser, Church of the Brethren, secretary-treasurer... Richard L. Hensel, member, elected to serve on board of directors of the Congregational conference of Oregon at annual meeting... vacation Bible school plans started by valley churches... the Rev. Robert T. Bridge assumes duties as pastor of Jacksonville First Presbyterian church... First Baptist church, Phoenix, dedicates new auditorium of church... First Methodists approve new parsonage plans... Dr. D. Kirkland West, First Presbyterian church, appointed advisor to the department of stewardship and promotion of the Presbyterian church in the U.S.A.

**JUNE**  
Catholics schedule afternoon mass at Prospect for fishermen and vacationers in area... dedication services held at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic church in Shady Cove... Free Methodists hold dedication service for new church... Lt. Richard Anthony, assistant officer of Medford Salvation Army corps, transferred... Dr. Raymond Balcomb, First Methodist church, transferred to Corvallis church... the Rev. Melvin Dixon assumes duties of St. Luke's Methodist church... the Rev. James Kreider, pastor of Pilgrim Holiness church, Central Point, leaves for Orlando, Fla., church... the Rev. James Neely, First Baptist church, attends annual meeting of the Conservative Baptists of America in Los Angeles... Dr. George G. Roseberry assumes duties as minister of First Methodist church... Open Bible Standard church purchases property on Table Rock rd... Robert Lichti and Mrs. George Flannagan, First Presbyterian church, attend