

Church News

Legislation Changes Social Security Coverage For Members of Clergy

Clergymen, Christian Science practitioners and eligible members of religious orders have until April 15, 1959, to file a waiver certificate and choose coverage under the old-age and survivors insurance program, according to Social Security administration officials.

Church Completes Room Decorating

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The services are built around the theme "Home-coming Sunday", with all the former members and friends present.

Following the morning service a pot-luck dinner will be held in the social hall of the church building. The evening services will feature a filmstrip concerning the Patriarchal age of the Old Testament, beginning with the creation and ending with the Exodus from Egypt.

The speaker for the mid-week service, Wednesday, March 5, is Elton Fishback of Klamath Falls. A representative of San Jose Bible college, San Jose, Calif. he will show colored slides, and speak in behalf of the college in San Jose.

The congregation is joining the Medford Church of Christ in a missionary dinner tonight.

Nazarene Church Plans Sunday School Contest

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St. Luke's Pastor Guest Speaker

The Rev. Melvin Dixon, minister of St. Luke's Methodist church, Medford and the Medford Senior High school 68 voice choir, directed by Lynn Sjolund, will be guest of the 1958 Lenten Sunday evening series at the First Methodist church Sunday.

Mr. Dixon's subject for the service will be, "The Acid Test." Music by the choir will be in two groups, "Here Is Thy Footstool," "Benedictus," "The Paper Reeds by the Brook," "Psalm 150," and "O Sing Unto the Lord A New Song."

Mr. Dixon was born in China of missionary parents. He was graduated from Pasadena college, Pasadena, Calif. and served the Methodist church in Breckenridge, Mich. for four years, and the Methodist church in Shedd, Ore. for five years before coming to the St. Luke's church last June.

First Christian Tells Activities

The sermon topic at the First Christian church Sunday will be "The Call of Peter." Mrs. Robert Reaves will sing, "How Long Will Thou Forget Me?" and the choir will sing "A Call to Faith."

For the evening service the minister, the Rev. W. C. Piper, will preach on "Gods Highway to Heaven." The monthly fellowship potluck dinner will be held Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for all members and friends. Following the dinner the department will meet in their usual places. A film will be shown the children. The cabinet meeting will be held at 8:30 the same evening.

The Chris-an Women's Fellowship will meet Wednesday at 11 a.m. for their business meeting. Lunch will follow at noon, and the main program will be at 1:30 the same afternoon.

Because of the preaching meetings the evenings of March 10 through 14, the stewardship and finance department and the official board meeting will be held Thursday, March 6, instead of March 10 as regularly scheduled.

Sunday Sermons Told; Fellowship Dinner Set For This Evening

The Rev. Dexter Williams will speak on "Jesus Is Coming Again" at the Central Church of Christ, 608 North Central ave., Sunday at 11 a.m.

Tonight the Central Church of Christ will tell of the missionary work by the church in South Africa. Music selections will be presented by groups from both churches, and the Rev. Bill Miller will give the devotion.

Minister Ordained At Annual Meeting

Cave Junction—The Rev. LeRoy Nidever, who has served as pastor of the Kerby Assembly of God for nearly a year, received his ordination in the full gospel ministry of the Assemblies of God at services held at the annual meeting of Assemblies of God in Oregon.

The Rev. Clyde Henson, pastor of Bethel Temple, Salem, was speaker for the convention, and officiated at the ordination services.

Mr. and Mrs. Nidever attended the meeting which was held Feb. 11, 12 and 13.

Youth Fellowship At First Church of God

The youth of the First Church of God will study the first four books of the Bible during the next four weeks. Mrs. Glenn McCullough will lead the youth in a discussion of "Matthew" Sunday at the service and Miss Linda Hollis will be the song director. The study for the next three weeks will be, Mark, Luke, and John.

Mormon Church Membership Shows 50 Per Cent Increase

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press Correspondent

Mormons are a hardy lot. In less than 70 years—the space of one man's lifetime—they have made the transition from a small and persecuted sect centered in Utah to a large and wealth-dominating with a world-wide membership of 1,500,000.

Utah still has more Mormons—about 440,000—than any other state. But there are now thriving Mormon "states" in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Phoenix, Boise, Las Vegas, Washington, D.C., New York City, Detroit, Denver, Houston, Jacksonville, Columbia, S. C., Portland, Ore., and many other cities far beyond Utah's borders. Total U.S. membership has increased nearly 50 per cent in the past 10 years.

A far-flung missionary movement also has carried the Mormon faith across the seas to England 10,000 members; Germany about 13,000; New Zealand 15,000; Hawaii 17,000; Samoa 8,000; and more than a dozen other countries of Europe and the Far East.

Once disenfranchised by federal law, Mormons today occupy many prominent positions in national life. The best known, perhaps, is Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson. Others are Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, whose signature appears on your folding money as treasurer of the United States; the president of American Motors, George Romney; the president of Standard Oil of California, Theodore S. Petersen; financier Marriner S. Eccles, and television pioneer Philo Farnsworth.

Despite its rapid growth in membership and respectability, the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints—the official name of what is commonly called the Mormon church—remains one of the least-known of America's major religious bodies.

It is erroneous to assume—as many people do—that the Latter-Day Saints are just another Protestant denomination. Although Mormons believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ, their theology differs substantially from the historic Christian creed.

Their doctrine of eternal life, to cite only one example, has no close parallel in traditional Protestant or Catholic belief. It holds that each human being existed, as a spiritual child of God, before being born on earth; that life in a mortal body is only one step in a soul's eternal progress; and that people continue to learn to grow spiritually and to live together in families in another life beyond the grave.

Many Americans still associate the name "Mormon" with the practice of polygamy—an association that Mormons

consider grossly unfair. Plural marriage was never practiced by more than 3 per cent of Mormons families. It was based on religious conviction and carefully restricted by church laws. And since 1890 it has been outlawed by the church on penalty of excommunication.

Another widespread idea is that the Mormons have a "Bible of their own." Actually, they use the King James

version of the Bible, "supplemented" by three books which are regarded as equally sacred.

One of these is the 300,000-word Book of Mormon. It records the history of certain Israelite tribes which are said to have crossed from Asia to North America Indians. The other two books are called "The Pearl of Great Price" and "The Doctrine and Covenants."



SPEAKERS—Guest speakers Saturday at the Southern Oregon Youth rally at the Medford Seventh-day Adventist church will be Walter D. Blehm (left), Oregon conference Missionary Volunteer secretary, and John H. Hancock, North Pacific Union conference youth leader. Elder Blehm will also speak Saturday morning at the Valley View Seventh-day Adventist church. The 4 p.m. youth rally will help launch a nationwide Missionary Volunteer welfare drive.



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from district churches, including Ashland, Eagle Point, Grants Pass, Medford, Valley View and Williams.

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Church Worker Institute Set

A Christian Education Institute for church school workers, teachers, and interested parents will be held Saturday at the First Presbyterian church Medford, according to Miss Lucille Rieben, director of Christian education.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a period of fellowship and coffee with the departmental laboratory sessions beginning at 9:30 a.m. for all church school departments through senior high school. An evaluation period will follow the demonstration sessions in each age level.

The Rev. John Reynolds, assistant pastor of the church, will speak at the luncheon at 12:30. Afternoon sessions will be devoted to departmental discussions and workshops, with the institute closing at 3 p.m.

Those participating in the leadership include: Mrs. Otis Swisher, church school superintendent; Mrs. James Hoye, registrar; Mrs. Ward Lampkin, nursery coordinator; Mrs. Alex McDonald, kindergarten coordinator; Mrs. T. P. Barrs, primary coordinator; Mrs. Grover Corum, junior coordinator; Mrs. Edwin Jones, junior high coordinator; Mrs. Otto Frohmayer, senior high coordinator.

A nursery will be provided throughout the day for small children. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Methodists Schedule Father-Son Banquet

The annual father and son banquet will be held at the First Methodist church, Medford, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. "Operation Satellite" will be the Methodist Men's club, Archie Pierce will speak and show his slides of his trip to the Antarctic. Father and son talks will be given by Robert Sage, representing the fathers, and Wayne Thompson, representing the sons.

The dinner will be prepared by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the girls of the Junior and Senior Methodist Youth fellowship will serve the dinner.

Tickets may be secured from the members of the Methodist Men's club, or at the church office.

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The afternoon program will feature a number of musical selections including Elder Hancock and his accordian, soloist Jim Kempster, the Rogue Valley male quartet, ladies' trio, junior girls' trio, and a violin and saw duet.

Supper Available
At 7 p.m. supper will be available at the Pathfinder clubhouse on the Rogue River Academy grounds near the junction of Minear and Old Stage roads, under the auspices of the club.

A full evening's entertainment of vocal and instrumental music, readings, and demonstrations of magic will be presented at the clubhouse by the Pathfinders, and an auction of home-cooked, canned, and baked foods will be held. Proceeds will be applied to the clubhouse fund.

Pathfinders are planning a dedication ceremony for the new building April 27, which has been built and paid for entirely by the Pathfinders, their leaders, and the donations of friends.

Monday the property and finance committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. with the session meeting the same night at 7:45 p.m.

Jacksonville—Mrs. Robert T. Bridge will speak Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship service at Jacksonville First Presbyterian church. She will speak on "Ownership versus Stewardship."

Sunday at 6:30 p.m. the Bible class will continue its study in the book of Ephesians.

Congregational Church Starts Sermon Series
Sunday at the Congregational church the Rev. Thomas McCamant will begin a new series of sermons on "The Paradoxes of the Christian Life." The topics will be: March 2, "The Boldness of the Meek"; March 9, "Letting Light Shine through the Closed Door"; March 16, "Trying, While Leaving It All to God"; April 6, (Easter) "When Dying Means Life."

Two more sessions of the Wednesday evening Bible class are planned, one this week dealing with "The Last Week of Jesus' Life" and one next week on "The Resurrection Appearances."

Denver, Colo.—Charles Edwin Dunlap is the new name for which court approval is being sought by real estate dealer Charles Edwin Swindler.

Ashland—If Our Lives Were But More Simple" will be the sermon Sunday by the Rev. Ross Krotsch at the 11 a.m. service at First Methodist church, Ashland.

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Presbyterians Announce Sunday Events - Speakers

Sunday the worship services of the First Presbyterian church will be led by the laymen who attended the Fifth Western Area conference of Presbyterian Men. This conference was held last week end at Sacramento, Calif., and was attended by 14 men from the local church.

At the first service Larry Clark and Jim Johnston will speak and at the second service, Fred Gatter and Robert Brewer. A men's quartet will bring the special music at both services. The Westminster choir will sing the anthem "The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune" at 9:30 a.m. and the chancel choir will sing "Sing Alleluia Forth" at 11 a.m.

Sunday the church's first service and church school which have usually been held at 9:45 a.m. will begin fifteen minutes earlier, at 9:30 a.m. A coffee hour will follow both of the morning services and will be held in the church Fellowship hall.

The third class in the current Communicants' classes will be taught at 5:30 p.m. by the Rev. John Reynolds. This class provides instruction for junior and senior high young people who desire to become members of the church. At 6:30 p.m. the junior high fellowship will have its regular meeting and discussion.

At 7:30 p.m. the senior high Westminster fellowship is having a meeting to which the parents of the young people are invited. The meeting, titled "These Parents of Ours," focuses upon several typical problems that arise between parents and their teenagers. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the meeting.

Central Point—Dr. Norman K. Tully, pastor Central Point First Presbyterian church, will speak on "What Jesus Did for Matthew" Sunday at the 11 a.m. service. It will be the second in a series of Lenten sermons. A fellowship dinner will be held following the morning service.

The young people of the church will meet at 7 p.m.

Phoenix—The Rev. William Saladin, candidate for the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church, Phoenix, will speak Sunday at 11 a.m. at the church.

Following the service a covered dish luncheon will be served and a congregational meeting will be conducted following the meal.

Mr. Saladin, a graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary at San Anselmo, Calif., is married and has three small daughters.

Sunday at the church hour envelopes for the One Great Hour of Sharing will be distributed.

Ashland—The Rev. B. J. Holland will speak on "Crede on Calvary" Sunday at both the 9:45 and 11 a.m. services at Ashland First Presbyterian church.

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Jacksonville Church Starts Sunday School Contest to End Easter

Jacksonville—The Jacksonville Assembly of God church will launch a Sunday school contest Sunday, which will run until Easter Sunday. The person who brings the largest number of new people to Sunday school will win a wagonload of prizes. The prizes have been contributed by the parents and the Sunday school teachers.

Superintendent Harry Belau has arranged for a picture to be taken of the congregation and the winner on Easter Sunday to be given in a Loyalty Campaign which will follow the contest.

Anyone who wishes may enter the contest and a display of the wagon, loaded with prizes will be made each Sunday.

Mrs. John R. Hamaker has been appointed secretary of the campaign. For further information either Mrs. Hamaker, Mr. Belau or Pastor W. D. Turnbull may be contacted.

Southern Baptists To Hear Speakers

Ed Seabough, director of student work for the Oregon Washington Baptist general convention, will speak Sunday at the First Southern Baptist church at 11 a.m. He will speak on "A Changed Life."

Vernon Norris, state Baptist student union president, and Miss Margaret Pifferly, student of the Oregon State college Baptist student union, will direct the singing and give several sections.

The public is invited to hear about the student union work on the college campuses.

Southern Baptists will have a youth rally at the Calvary Baptist church, Ashland, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Ed Seabough will be in charge of the program. Ten students from Oregon State college Baptist student union will be featured. Music, messages and fellowship will be the program.

Sermons on Acts Sunday at Friends

For the worship services at the Friends church Sunday pastor, Clayton Crisman will continue a series of messages from the Book of Acts, looking forward to the pre-Easter revival meetings to be held at the church March 5 to 16.

Sermon theme for the 9:45 and 11 a.m. services will be "So Mightily grew the Word." At 7:30 p.m. he will speak on "The Power of the Name."

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

A special offering will be taken for George Fox college, and the Bible "book-of-the-month" for March, to be read by the entire Sunday school, will be introduced. Attendance goal for the coming month is to stay above 300.

At 6:30 p.m. junior, intermediate and senior Christian Endeavor will be held. Seniors will plan the victory banquet to be held next week at a close to the "Rockets Away" contest which closed last Sunday.

Ascension Lutheran Plans Installation

The Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor of Ascension Lutheran church, 2501 Barnett rd., Medford, will be officially installed Sunday at 11 a.m. by the Right Rev. H. L. Foss, president of Evangelical Lutheran church Pacific district.

The sermon will be by the Rev. Clarence Solberg, assistant home mission director.

During the service adult baptism and confirmation will be held and a reception given for the new members. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dyrud will sing a duet and the senior choir will present the anthem.