

New Ministers in Area Top '58 Church News

Construction Plans Continue, Pastors Attend Conventions

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Eighteen new ministers arrived in the valley during 1958 to make it the top development in the church news department, overshadowing church construction which has been the big story for the two prior years.

Although 17 ministers were transferred from the area, today only one large church is without a pastor. That church, St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church, expects its new minister within the month.

Four church buildings and one Sunday school unit were completed during the year while three building programs were started by other churches. Largest among these is the proposed \$100,000 Medford Seventh-day Adventist church and the five-year construction program of Zion Lutheran church costing \$95,000.

Religious Travelers
Of particular interest during 1958 were the many religious travelers. In July nearly 90 valley ministers of the Jehovah's Witnesses attended the International Divine Will convention in New York City.

Other travelers included local ministers who held revivals in foreign countries and ministers who attended national conferences of their denominations throughout the United States.

The new ministers in the valley included the Rev. Henry I. Brown at Mt. Pitt Avenue Church of the Nazarene; the Rev. E. C. Bush, Free



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Methodist church, who attended the annual Conservative Baptist Association of America meeting in Denver, Colo.

Attend Conferences
Others included Dr. D. Kirkland West, First Presbyterian church, who attended the general assembly meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Mrs. Roy Bosworth, minister of Unity Center of Medford, who attended a three-week annual meeting of the Ministerial Association of Unity School of Christianity in Lee's Summit,

survey the Hawaiian islands for possible future Presbyterian churches.

Here is a month-by-month summary of church news, selected from church news stories appearing in the Mail Tribune.

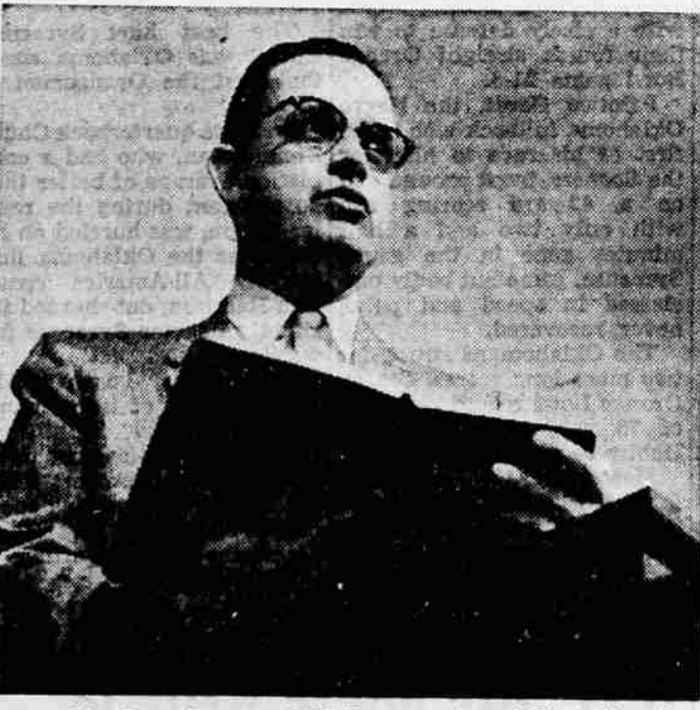
JANUARY

Feast of Lights held at St. Mark's Episcopal church... Valley Nazarenes start 50th year with ceremonies planned... The Rev. Raymond W. Hurn, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, reads New Testament aloud in 17 1/2 hours, "amazed at audience response"... Temple Baptist church, 794 Lozier lane, officially changes name to First Southern Baptist church... The Rev. Gabriel Morris, OSB, of the Mt. Angel Abbey of St. Benedict, Ore., conducts spiritual exercises for members of Sacred Heart Catholic parish... First Baptist church members vote to sponsor another church in Medford... Youth week observed in valley churches at Sunday services.

FEBRUARY

Services held in new Ruch Community Bible church... The Rev. John Smith Power arrives from Arkansas to assume duties as assistant at St. Mark's Episcopal church... Bishop A. Raymond Grant in Medford to conduct "Invitation to Outreach" meetings at First Methodist church... Boy Scouts honored at local services... The Rev. Walter C. Morris from Oceanlake, Ore., assumes duties as temporary pastor at Mt. Pitt Avenue Church of the Nazarene... The Rev. James Neely, First Baptist church, attends annual meeting of Conservative Baptist Association of America in Denver, Colo... The Rev. George Trough, assistant at First Methodist church, transferred... Miss Alice May Woolley, pastor of First Methodist church, Talent, assigned to Canyonville church... The Rev. Ross Knotts, pastor of Ashland First Methodist church to Springfield church... The Rev. Earnest Bell, new pastor at Talent Methodist, and the Rev. Herschel Hall arrives in Ashland at First Methodist there... United Methodist church in Oregon to hold 1959 session of conference in Medford... Medford church membership rose 5.18 per cent to total of 13,920... Mrs. Roy Bosworth, minister of Unity Center of Medford, attends annual meeting of the Ministerial Association of the Unity School of Christianity in Lee's Summit, Mo... The Rev. Glenn Wade resigns as pastor of Berean Baptist church, Camp White.

church, elected vice president of Northwest area of National Council of Presbyterian Men at meeting in Chicago... The Rev. William A. Saladin assumes duties as new minister of Phoenix First Presbyterian church... William E. Walden arrives as new minister of music at Apostolic Faith church... The Rev. Lidio Borgese, Roman Catholic priest at Sacred Heart hospital, author of book "Pre-



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ludes and the Symphonies of Jesus."

APRIL

Maundy Thursday services scheduled in valley churches... Church of the Good Shepherd, Prospect, observes sixth birthday... Good Friday services held in valley churches... First Presbyterians to sponsor new Presbyterian church in Medford... Cave Junction church observes 26th anniversary... St. Martin's Episcopal church, Shady Cove, advanced to status of organized mission... The Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, named dean of the southern convocation of the Oregon diocese... New hymns dedicated at Zion Lutheran church... Valley Pathfinders complete clubhouse on Rogue River Academy school grounds on South Stage rd... Spiritual Life Crusade begins, sponsored by eleven valley churches.

MAY

W. Lee Mansveld, minister of music at First Church of the Nazarene, accepts post in Astoria church... Lloyd E. Biggs, president of Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventist, speaks in valley... V. L. Pearson, circuit supervisor from Brooklyn, N.Y., speaks to valley Jehovah's Witnesses... Oregon Pacific District Nazarene Foreign Missionary society and general assembly meetings held in Medford... The Rev. James Neely, First Baptist church, was elected president of Medford Ministerial Association, with the Rev. John Smith Power, St. Mark's Episcopal church, vice president; and the Rev. Robert E. Cull, First Assembly of God, secretary-treasurer... Ascension Lutheran church, 2501 Barnett rd., is formally dedicated... The Rev. Claude A. Miller resigns as pastor of First Southern Baptist church... Dr. D. Kirkland West, First Presbyterian church, attends general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. at Pittsburgh, Pa... Roman Catholics schedule afternoon mass in Prospect for vacationers... Pilgrim Holiness church starts construction project.

JUNE

The Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, Ascension Lutheran church, attends Evangelical Lutheran church general convention in Minneapolis, Minn... Medford Seventh-day Adventists break ground for new \$100,000 building... Some of the Indian pueblos contained more than 1,000 rooms.

churches... New Age church dedicated on Millard ranch near Eagle Point... Summer pastoral assistants arrive in valley... The Rev. Sherman Moore attends quadrennial conference of Pilgrim Holiness churches in Winona Lake, Ind... The Rev. L. R. Collins, Central Point evangelist, leaves for six months in Japan... The Rev. Henry I. Brown assumes duties as pastor of Mt. Pitt Avenue Church

finder fair at Gladstone park. AUGUST The Rev. E. C. Bush assumes duties as pastor of Free Methodist church here... The Rev. H. C. Covert arrives from Alaska to assume duties as pastor of Zion Lutheran church... The Rev. J. M. McCraw is new pastor at First Southern Baptist church... Free Methodist church young people are champion Bible quiz team in Oregon Conference of church, participate for international championship title at Winona Lake, Ind... St. Luke's Methodist church meets in new church... The Rev. Edgar Cruce is pastor of Pentecostal Sunshine Gospel church.

SEPTEMBER

Church of the Brethren celebrates 14th anniversary... Central Point Community Bible church observes tenth anniversary in building... Donald Wilson is associate pastor of Ashland, Eagle Point, Medford and Valley View Seventh-day Adventist churches... The Rev. James Neely, First Baptist church, elected corresponding secretary of the Conservative Baptist Home Missionary society board... The Rev. Ray Nelson is new pastor at Berean Baptist church, Camp White... The Rev. W. E. Martin is new pastor of First Church of God... The Unity Center has new quarters at 995 South Oakdale ave.

OCTOBER

Dr. Norman K. Tully, pastor of First Presbyterian church, Central Point, retires... Westminster United Presbyterian church selected as name for the additional Presbyterian church in Medford... The Rev. Leo Wine, Faith Tabernacle, Ashland, conducts revival in Nicaragua... Medford Friends observe 16th anniversary... Rogue Valley Nazarenes observe golden anniversary... The Rev. King K. Jones Jr. is new pastor of Jacksonville First Presbyterian church... Medford Gospel Mission organized with Fred Robinson elected temporary president... Congregational and Eastwood Baptist churches observe fifth anniversaries... Lt. Roger Craddock is new assistant at Salvation Army here... The Rev. Richard M. Jones, Eastwood Baptist church delivers annual sermon at the 70th annual session of the Oregon Baptist convention in Oregon

JULY

Religious services scheduled for Crater Lake National park and Oregon Caves National monument... The Rev. John O. Reynolds, assistant pastor at First Presbyterian church, accepts position of organizing pastor for new Presbyterian church... Ashland Grace Lutheran church building completed and dedicated... The Rev. Darold H. Jones resigns as pastor of First Church of God... The Rev. J. M. Root, pastor of Free Methodist church, transferred to Vancouver, Wash., church... Approximately 90 valley Jehovah's Witnesses attend international convention in New York City... Arthur Hoover ordained to Christian ministry at Church of Christ, Central Point... The Rev. Kenneth Korby, pastor of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church, assumes duties as assistant professor of religion at Valparaiso university, Valparaiso, Ind... Medford Pathfinders win drill competition at Path-

finders fair at Gladstone park.

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New Assistants

New assistant pastors include the Rev. John Smith Power, St. Mark's Episcopal church; Donald Wilson, valley Seventh-day Adventist churches; Lt. Roger Craddock, Salvation Army; and William E. Walden, Apostolic Faith church.

New churches were completed during the year by the Bethel Assembly of God, Ruch Community Bible church, New Age church in Eagle Point, and Ashland Grace Lutheran church. St. Luke's Methodist church completed their Sunday school unit, Pilgrim Holiness church started a construction program and Unity Center moved to new quarters on South Oakdale ave.

Local ministers who attended national conferences included the Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, Ascension Lutheran church, who attended the Evangelical Lutheran church general convention in Minneapolis, Minn.; the Rev. Sherman Moore, Pilgrim Holiness conference of the church in Winona Lake, Ind.; and the Rev. James Neely, First Bap-

Mo. The young people's Bible quiz team of Medford Free Methodist church were state winners and traveled to Winona Lake, Ind., to participate in the international championship contest.

Other travelers were the Rev. L. R. Collins, Central Point evangelist, who spent six months in Japan, and the Rev. Leo Wine, Faith Tabernacle, Ashland, who conducted a revival in Nicaragua.

National Boards

Positions on national church boards were received during



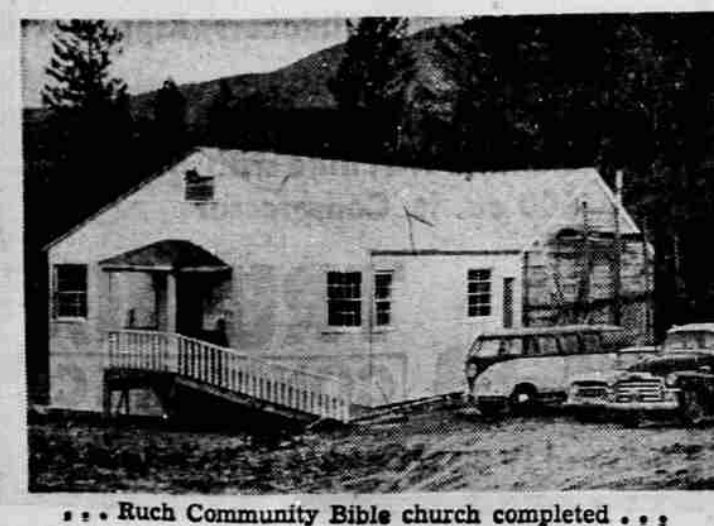
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the year by Mr. Neely and Dr. West. Mr. Neely was elected corresponding secretary of the Conservative Baptist Home Missionary society board at a meeting in Chicago, while Dr. West was appointed to a committee on church union for the United Presbyterian church of U.S.A. He was also selected as a committee member sponsored by the board of national missions to

church completed... The Rev. Robert T. Bridge resigns as pastor of First Presbyterian church, Jacksonville.

MARCH

The Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, officially installed as pastor of Ascension Lutheran church... The Rev. Kenneth Korby, pastor of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church, speaker at Valparaiso university in Indiana, during lecture series... Dr. D. Kirkland West, pastor of First Presbyterian church, returns from trip to Hawaii as member of a committee sponsored by the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian church, to survey the islands for possible future Presbyterian churches... The Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, DD, archbishop of Portland in Oregon, in Medford to officiate at several pontifical functions... The Rev. Haddon Robinson, assistant pastor of First Baptist church, resigns... Consecration of the parsonage of First Methodist church held... Sam B. Harbison, elder-trustee of First Presbyterian



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City... The Rev. Bruce J. Weber is pastor of First Presbyterian church, Central Point... The Rev. C. Fred Lee retires as pastor of Faith Advent Christian church... The Rev. William Turnbull resigns as pastor of Assembly of God church, Jacksonville.

NOVEMBER

Jacksonville Assembly of God pastor is the Rev. W. E. Irby... St. Luke's Methodists hold consecration service... Dr. D. Kirkland West, First Presbyterian church, attends meeting in New York City of the general assembly committee on church union... Thanksgiving services are scheduled in valley... Medford Open Bible church places second in Pacific Coast division enlargement contest for denomination's Sunday

schools. DECEMBER Westminster United Presbyterian church organized with 122 members by Southwest Oregon Presbytery... Zion Lutheran church begins \$95,000 building project... Christmas programs scheduled by county churches... Bethel Assembly of God church holds Christmas services in new building... County churches close year with Watch Night services of fellowship, communion and prayer... Miss Jean Cunningham assumes duties as minister of Gold Hill Christian church.

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