

Ministerial Association Hears History of Valley Denominations

A history of churches in Oregon Territory and particularly in the Rogue River valley, was told Tuesday morning by ministers of the various denominations at the Medford Ministerial association meeting.

The Rev. Thomas McCamant, Congregational church, chairman of the Centennial committee for the association, was chairman for the program.

He reviewed the missionary effects on the development in the area and read from Harvey W. Scott's "History of Oregon Country." He mentioned that the missionary gained a foothold in the Northwest for the American settlers who followed.

The Methodists arrived, he said, in 1834 when Jason Lee and four companions came to the Territory, then the Presbyterians in 1836 and the Roman Catholics in 1838. The Baptists were reported to have arrived in 1846.

Church Built in 1854

The Methodists organized a church in the valley in 1853 and built the church building, which still stands in Jacksonville, in 1854. First pastor was Joseph F. Smith.

Mr. McCamant and the Rev. Melvin Dixon, St. Luke's Methodist church, presented the Methodist background in the absence of Dr. George G. Roseberry.

The Rev. John O. Reynolds and Dr. D. Kirkland West spoke on the Presbyterian missionaries who first settled in the Territory near Walla Walla, Wash., and established a mission there. Founder of the mission was Marcus Whitman.

The oldest Presbyterian church on the west coast has a continuous history is located south of Astoria, Ore. It was started in 1846.

Mr. Reynolds commented that the Presbyterian missionaries were usually called upon by the various communities to teach as well as preach. He mentioned that they were known for the promoting of public education.

Moses Williams

Dr. West told of the arrival of Moses Williams in the valley who started the first Presbyterian church in Jackson county at Jacksonville Nov. 22, 1857. From this church the other Presbyterian churches in the valley were organized.

In 1838 Elkanah Walker and Cushing Eels, missionaries under the auspices of the Congregational church's foreign mission board, arrived at the Whitman mission, Mr. McCamant said.

The George H. Atkinson Memorial Congregational church in Oregon City was established in 1844 and is the oldest church of that denomination in Oregon today. The Ashland Congregational church was started in 1888.

The Rev. James W. Neely, pastor of First Baptist church, told of the Baptist circuit riders that arrived in the Willamette valley in the 1850's. It has been reported that Baptists may have been in the Territory as early as 1823.

Joab Powell, one of the first Baptist preachers in the area, organized the Baptist church near Albany, Ore., which is known to have been conducting services in 1861. It is possible that services were being held prior to the time the church and cemetery were dedicated.

The first Baptist churches in the Rogue valley were Table Rock and Wagner Creek churches and were members of the Rogue River Baptist association. The dates these churches were established are not readily available.

The first Baptist church in Ashland was established in 1877 and the present building completed in 1879. The first Baptist church, Medford, was started in 1885 and the first building constructed in 1887 at the present church site, North Fifth st. and Central ave. The same year the Medford church joined the Rogue River Baptist association.

Land Donated

Also reviewing church history was the Rev. Joseph Munshaw, pastor of Eagle Point Community Bible church. The church, originally organized in 1905 as the First Baptist church, completed its building the following year. It is still used as part of the church plant today.

Mr. Munshaw explained that the land on which the church now stands was given to the First Baptist church for the duration of time services were held there. If the Baptist congregation discontinued services the land was available to any group that

would conduct services.

The pastor explained that during World War II several other denominations, including Presbyterian, Congregational, and Church of Christ, supplied ministers for the church and today the congregation includes members of 11 different denominations.

Mr. McCamant reminded ministers to notify the Jackson County Centennial association of any religious activities planned by their churches during the Centennial year that would be open to tourists. Such information could be included in pamphlets distributed by the association and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, he said.

Came in Covered Wagon

Visitor at the meeting was the Rev. Howard D. Michael, minister of the Myrtle Point Church of the Brethren. He was in the valley assisting with services which ended last evening at the local

Brethren church.

Mr. Michael mentioned that as a boy he had accompanied his family from Missouri to Seattle, Wash. in a covered wagon drawn by ox team. The trip, made in 1889, took four months, he explained. The following year the family moved to Albany, Ore., where they made their home.

The visiting pastor mentioned several incidents that occurred during the trip, one tragedy being the death of one of the men by a grizzly bear in Wyoming. He also recounted some of the humorous incidents with the friendly Indians.

He stated that the wagon train families were afraid of them since they could not understand the Indian language.

Panhandlers Reported

Capt. William Ricken of the Salvation Army asked ministers to contact the Corps of office regarding families in need who arrive from time to time in the valley.

He explained that several cases of panhandlers have been discovered recently. In these cases, he explained, the families, once helped by the Salvation Army have gone from church to church until as many as five or six churches have been contacted for assistance.

The local Corps can shelter families, regardless of size, the local commanding officer said. The services that they can supply include, in addition to shelter, are meals and clothing.

The local officer said that they receive many requests for gasoline, which they cannot donate. This, he continued, is due to the National Transportation act, passed approximately 10 years ago at the request of the federal government.

The agreement between the federal government and private agencies states that no agency will transport persons from one locality to another, particularly across state lines, without verifying in writing that the locality to which the persons are traveling is their legal residence.

This would tend to stop shifting persons without a source of income or other financial arrangement from one area to another where they would have to seek aid. The agreement states that the originating agency could be held liable for the cost of such aid.

The agreement has been signed by the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, National Catholic Charities, and other agencies that aid the needy, Capt. Ricken stated.

Reports given during the business meeting included one by the Radio-TV committee, the Rev. Raymond W. Hurn, First Church of the Nazarene, chairman.

Meeting at St. Mark's

The next meeting of the association will be held Tuesday, Feb. 10, at St. Mark's Episcopal church with the fellowship hour starting at 9:30 a.m. The meeting Tuesday was held at St. Luke's Methodist church. Prior to the program Mr. Neely gave the devotions. Twenty ministers attended the monthly event.

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CHURCH NEWS
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Sermons and Meetings Announced by Valley United Presbyterians

Dr. D. Kirkland West will preach at both morning services of the First Presbyterian church Sunday on the topic "You Are on the Witness Stand."

At the 9:30 a.m. service the Westminster choir will sing the anthem "O, That I Had a Thousand Voices" and at 11 a.m. the Chancel Choir will sing "Surely Thine Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts." Lynn E. Sjolund, baritone, will sing the solo "Arise, Shine, Thy Light is Come" at both services.

After the services on Sunday, coffee hours will be held in the Fellowship hall of the church for the members of the congregation to greet visitors and one another.

Children's church is held regularly each Sunday at 11 a.m. under the direction of Mrs. Carl Lichti. Junior High Fellowship will meet at 5:30

p.m. for a discussion which will be led by the eighth grade class. The fellowship is starting a program which will give the responsibility for each Sunday's meeting to a different class, rotating through the seventh, eighth and ninth grades.

Westminster Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. for an opening worship service which will be followed by a discussion under the sponsorship of the Outreach Commission entitled "Dialogue Among Neighbors." DeeAnn Taylor will be the discussion leader. Fireside will be held at the home of Barbara Preston, 1016 Reddy st.

Jacksonville—"What Jesus Says About His Own Teaching" will be the sermon topic Sunday at 11 a.m. by the Rev. King K. Jones, pastor of Jacksonville First Presbyterian church. The choir will sing "Standing at the Portal of the Opening Year."

Sunday evening the young people will continue their study of other religions by considering Hinduism.

Dr. Albert Griffin was elected elder at the annual congregational and corporation meeting held by the church last Sunday. Also elected were Fred Edens and Harry White, trustees; Melvin Hall, treasurer; John Niedermeyer, Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. E. O. Graham, deaconess; John Niedermeyer, every member canvass chairman; E. O. Graham, congregational representative; Mrs. Rafe Andrews, publicity for missions conference, and Mrs. John Keaveny, communion preparation.

Central Point—The Rev. Bruce J. Weber will continue the series of sermons on "Is Religion Relevant?" at the First Presbyterian church, Central Point. "Guilt and Forgiveness" is the topic for Sunday at 11 a.m. The girls' octette will sing "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee." A supervised nursery for pre-school children is conducted during the worship hour.

At 12:45 p.m. a potluck dinner will be held, followed by the congregational meeting for annual reports and election of church officers.

Westminster Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. for a discussion on the meaning of "Worship," led by Miss June Hopkins.

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

Church Teachers Asked to Meeting

Teachers of pre-school age children in church schools in Medford and vicinity are invited to meet with Mrs. E. A. Rollins of Portland at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, in the fireplace room of First Methodist church to consider "How to do a better job" in her church.

Mrs. Rollins serves the Portland Council of Churches on the leadership education committee and the committee on children's work. She is the author of many articles on nursery-age children and has taught in observation and laboratory schools.

Mrs. Keith Templeman of First Christian church and Mrs. Glen Duysen of First Methodist church are attempting to contact all of the Medford and vicinity churches to invite those who work in pre-school departments to attend. The session is being planned at the request of Baptist and Disciple churches of the Portland Council of Churches.

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Methodist Minister At Portland Meeting

Dr. George G. Roseberry is in Portland this week for the mid-year meetings of the Oregon Methodist Conference that are being held through today.

Dr. Roseberry, while there, is making plans for the Oregon annual conference that is to meet in Medford, May 28 through 31. Bishop A. Raymond Grant will be the presiding officer and will be assisted by his district superintendent.

The Rev. Meredith Groves, former pastor of the Medford church, will assist Dr. Roseberry in arrangements for the annual conference here. The last time the conference was held in Medford was 22 years ago.

SERMON SUBJECT

"Life" will be the sermon subject Sunday at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, at 11 a.m. at the church, 100 Windsor ave. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Evangelist Begins New Series Tonight

Evangelist Floyd Breese and Gospel Singer Monty Jones will begin a new series of Evangelistic services tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Esquire theater.

"Armageddon" is the subject Evangelist Breese has chosen for the opening meeting.

An organ recital by Donna Jones, and a chalk drawing by Ellen Breese will be featured in the evening's service.

The meetings are sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist church, and everyone interested is invited to attend.

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SCHOOL RALLY

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MISSION STUDY

Gold Hill-Gold Hill Community Methodist church will hold a church wide mission study of the Middle East Sunday at 7:30 p.m. This will be the second of a series of three lessons. A film strip on the Middle East will be shown with Mrs. Thomas S. Smith, discussion leader.

Eastwood Church Votes on Budget, Officers, at Meet

Eastwood Baptist church, North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway ave., held its annual meeting last week. Items considered included a vote on the \$18,000 budget, and the election of officers.

Elected were Robert Balk, moderator; Dr. L. Paul Walker, vice moderator; Mrs. Robert Balk, church clerk; John Yungen, financial secretary; William L. White, treasurer; Dean S. Anderson, church school superintendent; Mrs. Dale Harris, assistant superintendent; James McCord, deacon; Mrs. John Yungen, deaconess and Lyle Heidman, "Rich" Hagan, and Dr. L. Paul Walker, trustees.

Also considered were the preliminary architect's drawings of the proposed addition of a baptistry and redesigned chancel. New members received during the year were greeted by the moderator.

"On the Fringes" is the title of the sermon of the pastor, the Rev. Richard M. Jones, at the worship service, 11 a.m. Sunday. The cancel choir will sing, "Nursery care is provided and a fellowship hour will follow the worship hour."

John Morrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Morrow, will show slides of Italy at the 7:30 p.m. service. Carroll Graber will lead the singing and also sing a baritone solo.

Eastwood Baptist church is located north of Hedrick High school and is affiliated with the American convention. Visitors are always welcome to its services.

Meetings Scheduled In Central Point

Central Point — The Rev. William E. Berg, missionary-evangelist, will conduct a series of meetings at the Community Bible Church, Central Point, beginning Monday, Jan. 19, and continuing through Sunday, Jan. 25. The services will be held each night, Monday through Friday, at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Berg first went to China as a missionary but when the Communist regime came into power, he and his family were forced to leave. He then went to the Philippines where he had been for the past 10 years. He and his family returned for their second furlough in July, 1958.

Prior to his entering the mission field, he had a wide ministry in the area of youth conference and evangelism.

The public is invited to attend.

Confraternity Of Parish Hold Officer Election

Robert J. Hamlin was elected president of the Sacred Heart parish unit of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine at the first general meeting of the organization for the 1959 season, last Sunday.

Hamlin will be assisted by Don Sweeney, vice president; Mrs. Richard Atterbury, secretary; and Joseph Kindell, treasurer.

Summary committee reports indicated the success of the weekly catechism classes for students not attending the parochial school; completion of a confraternity course in doctrine and teaching methods for lay teachers; participation in discussion clubs, especially during the Lenten season; and local cooperation in the archdiocesan-wide census and information program.

It was pointed out that the weekly inquiry classes, part of the information program for interested non-Catholics, had been well attended and brought 40 converts into the church.

Plans for the future include the formation of a Legion of Mary and emphasizing the work of the parent-education and apostles of good-will committees.

The Rev. Rev. Carl Mai, priest-director of the unit, reminded members that spiritual things grow very slowly and meet many obstacles; that the good isn't always as obvious as the evil; and that one can't become discouraged but must continue working to bring all things to Christ.

Retiring Officers

Retiring officers include George Holtzinger, president; Arnold Paradis, vice president and discussion club chairman; Mrs. Robert J. Hamelin, acting secretary; Duane Kraft, treasurer; Mrs. Earl De Lisle, chairman of fishers; and Mrs. Francis McKay, chairman of parent-education.

Commented were Mr. and Mrs. Perry Rayburn for the many hours they worked as chairmen of teachers and helpers, and as catechism teachers.

A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Frank Horton for her help in guiding the formation and development of the parish CCD unit.

The CCD executive board will meet Monday, Jan. 19, to consider the appointment of new committee chairmen.

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'Ad Altare Dei' Awards Won by Seven Sacred Heart Boy Scouts

Seven Sacred Heart parish Boy Scouts have recently completed all requirements and passed the written and practical tests necessary for receiving the Roman Catholic church's "Ad Altare Dei" (to the altar of God) award.

Jeffrey Randolph, Michael Stinson, Douglas and Jerry Vakoc, and Gregory and Larry Wright, all first class scouts of St. Mary's school Troop 1, and Explorer Scout James Schmidt appeared before the archdiocesan examining board at Mt. Angel Seminary last week end, with Catholic scouts from other areas, for the final phase of testing.

All of the group are reported to have passed the tests with high grades.

Tested as Advanced

The Rev. John Hg, assistant pastor at Sacred Heart church, instructed and tested the Troop 1 boys as they advanced through the Ad Altare Dei requirements for each scouting rank.

Explorer Schmidt, formerly

of Grants Pass, was coached for the ward in that parish by the Rev. Daniel Kelly.

The Ad Altare Dei service award is the recognition given by the church to first class and Explorer Scouts, upon the authority of the bishop of each diocese, for advancement in the spiritual content of the scouting program. It is in addition to, not in place of, other awards and is designed to help the scout live his oath and law.

There are three main areas of requirements to be fulfilled in earning this award: advancement in the knowledge and understanding of church doctrine; extensive participation in and understanding of the church services such as the mass and benediction; and Catholic action, or putting religion into practice in everyday living.

Bronze Cross

The award itself is a bronze cross suspended from a ribbon in papal and national colors under a bar pin bearing the inscription "Ad Altare Dei." It is authorized to be worn on the scout uniform.

Only two boys have earned the award in Medford previously: Jerry Randolph in 1956 and Arthur Erving in 1957.

A similar award is given to Girl Scouts and has been held here only once, by Nancy Stevenson.

Charles Hackett, scoutmaster of Troop 1, and Richard Randolph accompanied the boys to Mt. Angel.

"It is unusual for so many Scouts to qualify for the award at one time, and with such high grades," Hackett said.

Formal presentation of the medals will be made February 1, by Archbishop Edward D. Howard.

1st Christian Starts School of Missions

"The Frontier is all Around Us" is the title of the sermon which the Rev. William C. Piper will preach at both services at the First Christian church Sunday morning.

At the 8:30 service John R. Schwab will sing "The Lord is My Light." At the 10:55 service the choir will sing the anthem "Give Ear to My Words." Nursery care is provided for both services and there will be a coffee hour following the second service.

The annual School of Missions begins Sunday and will continue each Sunday evening for six Sundays. The study this year will be on the work of the Christian Church Brotherhood in missions at home and abroad. Sunday the lessons will be on the work in the United States.

Teachers

The program will start at 6 p.m. with a study period for each age level. Mrs. Evan Pruitt and Mrs. Herbert Carson will be in charge of the pre-school department; Mrs.

Nazarenes Plan Youth Week Here

Nazarene Young People's Society of Medford First Church of the Nazarene announce plans for "youth week" which starts Sunday and to end with a "youth week" revival Jan. 22 through 25. Included in activities will be a band from Northwest Nazarene college.

Various young people of the local church will participate in the worship services assisting the pastor, the Rev. Raymond W. Hurn. The youth leaders will be in charge of the Wednesday prayer meeting service.

Among the youth coming from Northwest Nazarene college, will be Dave Mattson, concert pianist and accompanist for the college choir; Gordon Olson, Eugene, song leader and Alan Rodda, Walla Walla, Wash., a vocal trio, Kathy Hicks, Joan Hayne and Joan Ogburn, will sing. Services are open to the public and high school young people are especially invited to attend.

The youth choir of Medford First Church will also participate in these services.



THE REV. JOHN SIMON Hood River Pastor Here

New Minister at St. Peter Church

The Rev. John E. Simon will be installed as pastor of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church Sunday, Jan. 25, at 4 p.m. at the church at 1020 East Main st.

Mr. Simon is currently pastor of Immanuel Lutheran church in Hood River, Ore., where he has served since November, 1952. Prior to moving to Hood River he had churches in Toledo, Ore., Montana and Idaho.

During his present pastorate he has organized churches in White Salmon, Bingen and The Dalles. He has been active in Toastmasters club and was a member of the County Chamber of Commerce.

The new pastor has his master's degree from the University of Oregon and is a graduate of St. Louis Seminary. He has also attended the University of Washington.

Mrs. Simon, who also has her master's degree from the university, has been a teacher in the Hood River schools for the past 2 1/2 years.

The couple have four children, Helen, a senior in music education at the University of Oregon; John Martin, a pre-ministerial student in the high school department at Concordia, and Tommy, a second-grader.

St. Peter church has been without a full-time pastor since July, 1957, when the Rev. Kenneth Korby resigned to assume duties as assistant professor of religion at Valparaiso university, Valparaiso, Ind. Vacancy pastor has been the Rev. Hugo Gurney of Grants Pass.

1st Assembly of God Has Annual Election

The annual election of officers at First Assembly of God, 1108 West Main st., was held recently.

Elected to the board of trustees for three-year terms were M. E. Stansfield and Don W. Jacobs, Medford, who replaced Earl Heft and William H. McKinley. Heft retired from the board after 27 years of service and McKinley resigned at the expiration of his term following 9 years of continuous service.

Others elected for one year terms were Paul Strong, secretary-treasurer, and Myron Hanson, Sunday school superintendent.

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Zion Lutheran Church Announces Subject

"The Right Use of God's Name" will be the sermon topic Sunday at Zion Lutheran church by the Rev. E. C. Coover, pastor. The sermon will be the second in a series on the Ten Commandments. The choir will sing "Sing to Him."

Sunday at 6 p.m. the Senior Luther league will hold a dinner meeting at the home of Carolyn Sidener with Roma Schroeder as co-hostess.

Witnesses Tell Watchtower Subject

"Happy are the Ones Staying Awake" will be the topic for the Watchtower study Sunday at 7:15 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2402 Jacksonville highway.

The public meeting topic at 6 p.m. will be "What Did Christ Ransom?"

At the Central Point Kingdom hall the public address will also be held at 6 p.m. entitled "Testing the Holy Trinity's Foundation." The Watchtower topic will be the same.

Gospel Mission Sets Business Session Monday

The Medford Gospel Mission will hold their first annual business meeting Monday, Jan. 19, at the Girls Community club, 6:30 p.m. starting with a potluck dinner.

John Pederson, superintendent of the Klamath Falls Gospel Mission, will be guest speaker. Officers will be elected and departmental reports given. Temporary officers are Fred Robinson, president; Glenn McCamant, vice president; William McKinley, secretary; and Helmer Timseth, treasurer.

The local mission is currently remodeling their building and installing equipment at 35 South Front st. All work is being done on Saturdays starting at 8 a.m. by volunteers. It was reported that the kitchen and laundry equipment needed has been obtained by the Mission. The officers plan to have the Mission in operation by Feb. 15.

The completed mission will accommodate 30 men in addition to staff and will include a chapel. Superintendent for the local work is William Howard, Bakersfield, Calif.

The mission will operate for the purpose of reaching the "unfortunate" with the preaching of the gospel and to assist in the feeding, clothing, and lodging of those who are in need.

Local Pastor to Ministers' Meet

The Rev. W. E. Martin will attend the Mid-winter Ministers' meeting of the Churches of God in Oregon this week end at Eugene.

In connection with the event is an association meeting, which includes a delegate from each local congregation, for the purpose of outlining an expansion program for the next few years. It will include the construction of new church buildings and the starting of new congregations throughout the state.

Speaking here Sunday for the morning service will be the Rev. T. O. Satterfield, former pastor here and now a Medford resident. For the evening service, the speaker will be the Rev. E. E. Hoover, Medford.

Conference leaders will include the Rev. Cecil Brown, Anderson, Ind., who is the field representative for the church extension board of the Churches of God, and the Rev. E. E. Wolfram, also of Anderson, who is executive secretary of the world service commission of the Churches of God. The two men will assist Oregon in their program of expansion.

Congregationalists To Hear New Series

The Rev. Thomas McCamant begins a new series of sermons at the Congregational church at the 10 a.m. service Sunday. The series will be based on the New Testament book, "The Acts of the Apostles." The general title will be, "Actors in 'The Acts.'" The first sermon will be on "The Holy Spirit." Succeeding sermons will deal with "Peter," "Barnabas" and "Paul."

The morning worship and the church school are both held at the same hour. Nursery care is also provided for younger children. The Pilgrim Fellowship for high school young people meets at 7 p.m.

UNITY CENTER

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First Christian Church

"The Friendly Church"
Welcomes You
TO ALL SERVICES
Two Morning Services
8:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.
Bible School—9:45 a.m.
Christian Youth Fellowship—6:30 p.m.
No evening service
9th and Oakdale • Medford, Ore.



William C. Piper Minister