



MORTGAGE BURNING—Four members of Zion Lutheran church and the pastor, the Rev. H. C. Coovert (left), participated last Sunday in mortgage burning ceremonies at the church. The mortgage, originally dated in 1927, was refinanced in 1943. It was in the amount of \$30,000 on the present church building. Taking part in the event were Hugo Guenther (second from left), Chris Wolf, Paul Rynning and Otto Ewaldsen. Ewaldsen is vice president of the congregation, Guenther is a church officer, while Rynning is chairman of the building committee. (Knackstedt photo)

Zion Church Plans Groundbreaking Ceremony Sunday

Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. at Zion Lutheran church for a new \$100,000 Sunday school building. Participating in the event will be the Rev. H. C. Coovert, pastor; the Rev. Charles Anderson, pastor of Mt. Zion Lutheran church, Yreka, Calif., and the Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor of Ascension Lutheran church, Medford. The senior choir of Zion church will sing.

Contractors for the building are Salter and Klein, Grants Pass. Architect for the building is Benjamin E. Cave, Salem.

Two stories The new building will be two stories with a basement which will include in addition to Sunday school rooms, a dining room, kitchen, offices, pastor study, church board room, and recreation hall. The building will be 100 by 45 feet. The construction program has been planned for a five year period, it was reported. At the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday Mr. Coovert will speak on the ninth and tenth commandments. The topic will be "Help and Understand Your Neighbor."

St. Peter's Tells Planned Events

"Light for Capernaum" is the sermon topic chosen by the Rev. John E. Simon, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran church, for Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday school and Bible classes for all age-groups begins with an opening service at 9:30 a.m.

The adult instruction class continues on Sunday at 4 p.m. The Lutheran Hour is broadcast on radio station KWJN at 5:30 p.m. Confirmation classes for boys and girls are conducted on Saturday morning.

The fifth of the current series of Lenten services begins Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The fifth saying of Christ from the Cross, "I Thirst!" will be text and topic for the sermon. The choir meets Monday at 7 p.m. A Sunday school teacher-training course, "Directing the Learner," has been planned. Anyone wishing to take the course is asked to inform the Sunday school superintendent or the pastor.

Sermon Series Told By Community Church Central Point—"Steps to Calvary" is the title of a series of sermons being presented by the Rev. Paul O. Kroon, pastor of the Community Bible church, Central Point. The series will continue through Palm Sunday, March 22. The sermons deal with the various events recorded in the Gospels that deal with the divine as well as the human factors that led to the cross. These sermons will be given at the 11 a.m. worship service. The public is invited.

Sams Valley Church Holds Social Events Sams Valley-A toboggan party was held at Crater Lake recently by the Sams Valley Gospel church. Thirty-two persons attended the all day event. Earlier this year the group held a taffy pull at the home of the pastor, the Rev. Gordon Peterson, with 28 attend-

Methodists Set Lenten Services

Dr. George Roseberry, pastor of First Methodist church, will preach on "The Sins that Get You" at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services Sunday. The Rev. Herchel W. Hall, minister of Ashland Methodist church, will preach on "The Treatment of the Unsavory" at the Lenten service Sunday at 7:30 p.m. The large Ashland choir will sing several numbers in keeping with the Lenten season.

Choirs at the local church will sing for the services. The youth choir will sing "Selected from Ganoud."

The chancel choir will sing "Turn Thy Face From My Sins" and Mrs. Alice M. Harris will sing "Were You There" at each of the morning services. The commission on missions meets Monday at 7:45 p.m., the commission of membership Tuesday at 7:45 p.m., commission of finance, Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. and the nominations committee, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Women Missionaries To Speak Sunday in Valley

The Men's Fellowship of First Assembly of God will meet in the church annex, Saturday at 7:45 p.m. for a short business meeting followed by a film on Oregon wildlife. M. E. Stansfield is president of the group and Don Kahl, program chairman. Refreshments will be served.

At the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, the Rev. R. E. Cull, pastor, will speak on "Perils of the Average Man." The Rev. Ronnie White and the Rev. June Pearson, two Oregonians recently ordained to the ministry will conduct the 7:30 p.m. Sunday service. Both ministers have been active in home missionary work out of Winslow, Ariz., with the Hopi Indians. In addition to pastoring an Indian church in Winslow, Miss White and Miss Pearson are doing field work on the Indian reservation nearby.

The two women missionaries will also speak Sunday at both the 9:45 and 11 a.m. worship services at Phoenix Assembly of God church. The monthly fellowship meeting for Assembly of God churches in the Rogue valley section will be held at Kirby

WATCHTOWER TOPIC "Maintaining Our Spiritual Paradise" will be the Watchtower study topic Sunday at 7:15 p.m. at the Kingdom hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2402 Jacksonville highway. The public meeting, which will begin at 6 p.m., will be entitled, "What Did Christ Random?"

Sermon Titles Told For First Christian Church

Sunday morning the Rev. William C. Piper will preach on "God's Answer to the Most Important Question" at both services at the First Christian church. The youth choir under the direction of Miss Jane Daniels will sing "Jacob's Ladder" at the 8:30 a.m. service. At the 10:55 a.m. service the chancel choir under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Piper will sing "Bow Down Thine Ear." A coffee hour will follow the second service.

Beginning Sunday there will be a full week, with the exception of Saturday, of evening preaching services. These sermons will all be on the doctrines and beliefs of the Christian church. The topic of the sermon Sunday night will be "God's Concept of the Meaning and Purpose of Faith."

The subjects of the talks Monday through Friday will be "God's Requirement of the Repentance Imperative," "God's Purpose in Baptism," "God and His Relation to the Church," and "God's Revelation Concerning Heaven and Hell."

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Americans Sunday To Donate To Religious Relief Agencies

By LOUIS CASSELS The biggest bargain available to Americans this week end will be offered on Sunday morning in thousands of Protestant and Catholic churches. It's a bargain in charity. Each dollar you contribute will buy at least \$10 worth of

Completed Plans For Westminster Church Expected

Plans for the proposed Westminster Presbyterian church are expected to be completed within two weeks, Stuart McQueen, chairman of the building committee, reported at a Wednesday meeting of the congregation. He said that actual construction on the building will get underway soon after the plans are accepted. A work party will be organized, it was reported, to aid in the cleaning up of the building site at the corner of Oakwood dr. and Glen Oak ct.

Jack Edson, architect, displayed several church plans at the meeting. Mrs. Scott Davis and Mr. and Mrs. McQueen reported on the church building and architectural conference held last week in Portland.

The conference, first of its kind in Oregon and the third in the country, was attended by 250 persons from five northwestern states and Canada. It was sponsored by the Oregon Council of Churches and held at the Greek Orthodox church.

All phases of church building from selecting a site to raising funds, were discussed. Mrs. Davis explained that the purpose of the meeting was to eliminate costly mistakes by careful pre-planning. The group also toured churches in the area.

Mrs. Kenneth Denman reported on work of the women's group of Westminster church at the Wednesday meeting. The women meet the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. Mrs. Ray Mencke, financial secretary, gave the treasurer's report.

A family night dinner was held at First Presbyterian church prior to the Westminster church meeting. The Rev. John O. Reynolds is pastor of the church.

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food, clothing, medicine and other help for needy families abroad. This is the Sunday on which all Catholic churches and many Protestant denominations conduct their simultaneous annual appeals for sup-

The "one great hour of sharing" will be observed in many of the valley Protestant churches Sunday, local ministers report. The Catholics of Jackson county parishes will contribute to the annual "bishops' relief fund" Sunday. The quota for the Archdiocese of Portland, of which Jackson county is a part, is \$35,000.

port of religious relief agencies which are extending aid to some 50 million persons in 60 countries. The Protestant appeal is called "one great hour of sharing." It proceeds support the work of Church World Service, a cooperative agency representing 35 major denominations. Catholics will be asked to give to "the bishops' relief fund" which supports the operations of Catholic Relief Services.

Main Aid Channel The third major religious relief agency—the United Jewish Appeal—began its annual drive for funds some time ago, but will still be accepting contributions this week end. Performing a traditional church function on a global scale, the religious relief

agencies have become the main channel for "person to person" American aid to the hungry and homeless of other lands. This year they are distributing about 1,500,000,000 pounds of food... more than 25 million pounds of clothing... thousands of shipments of vaccines, vitamins and other medical supplies.

They are providing toys, books, and other supplies for countless orphanages... teachers and training materials for vocational schools... resettlement help for refugees. They are operating health clinics, digging wells, and conducting demonstrations in modern farming and canning methods. Has Won Goodwill Because it is conducted with no motive other than compassion for fellow human beings in need, this vast private aid program has won goodwill for America in many lands where government-sponsored aid projects are viewed with suspicion.

President Eisenhower recently described the work of the religious relief agencies as "an incalculable force for good." The most impressive aspect of the religious relief program is that so much is accomplished with so little. The funds available for overseas relief, through all three major faiths, total about 35 million dollars a year. But the services rendered by these agencies would cost at least 350 million dollars if they were valued on a straight commercial basis.

1957 Award of Merit Winner CHURCH NEWS National Religious Publicity Council

Medford Presbyterians To Hear Professor; County Churches Announce Topics

Dr. Clifford M. Drury, professor of church history at San Francisco Theological seminary, will speak at both morning services of the First Presbyterian church Sunday. His subject will be "Our Protestant Heritage." Dr. Drury has written several books on the history of Protestantism on the Pacific coast. He was a chaplain in the U.S. Navy and after World War II was commissioned to write a chronicle of the Navy Chaplain Corps. He is in Medford for a lecture series on church of the Navy Chaplain Corps. He is in Medford for a lecture series on church history being held at the First Presbyterian church Sunday through Thursday morning.

Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Professor Drury will speak on the subject "Our Creeds and How They Came To Be." Monday through Thursday at 10:00 a.m. he will deliver a series entitled "The Cost of Our Religious Freedom." In the evenings from Monday through Wednesday he will speak on "Our Presbyterian Heritage in the West." The public is invited to these lectures.

Reveille Members Sunday at 4 p.m. the sessions of First and Westminster churches will meet those who have been attending the current churchmanship classes to receive them as members of the churches. The elders will interview the prospective members and the sacrament of baptism will be administered to those not previously baptized. The parents of the young people joining the church are invited to attend the afternoon meeting.

Junior High Fellowship will meet at 5:30 p.m. Sunday to organize into small groups which will, on subsequent Sundays, visit the youth groups of other churches. The ninth grade students of the fellowship will be in charge of the evening's program. Westminster Fellowship for senior high youth will not meet separately but will attend the lecture by Dr. Drury. Fireside will be held at the home of

Medford Ministers To Meet Tuesday The Medford Ministerial association will meet Tuesday, March 10, at 9:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army. A fellowship period will be held with devotions at 9:55 a.m. and the program at 10 a.m. A business meeting will follow the program. The association is open to ministers of all denominations and churches in the area.

Bible Study Course Planned in Phoenix Phoenix—A Bible study course called "The Ministry of Visitation" will be held at the Assembly of God church, Phoenix, starting Monday, March 9, and continuing through March 13. Charles E. Pearson, adult Bible teacher of the Sunday school, will teach the class. Pearson formerly was an instructor at the Texas Soul clinic. The class will begin at 7:30 p.m. each day and will include the use of visual aids.

Friends Church To Honor Scouts

Girl Scouts and Brownies will be given recognition Sunday at the Friends church in the 9:45 a.m. worship hour.

Pastor Clynton Crisman's message will be "Pharaoh's Compromises," both at this service and the identical one which follows at 11 a.m. The youth choir will sing at 9:45 and the adult choir at 11. Nursery service is offered both hours and junior church for first to third graders during the second service.

Marjorie Brood will lead Senior Christian Endeavor at 8:30 p.m. on the subject, "Futile Foes of the Book of Books." Junior and Intermediate C.E. will also meet at that time.

The praise and worship service for all ages will be held at 7:30 p.m., with the pastor bringing a message.

The Crisman family left Thursday for Portland where the pastor will attend an executive committee meeting of the Friends Christian Endeavor or Union. He is pastoral advisor of the Union which comprises C.E. groups of Friends churches in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The Crismans will also visit relatives in Camas, Wash., and Newberg, returning to Medford Saturday night.



REV. P. FINKENBINDER

Missionary to Speak At Valley Churches

The Rev. Paul Finkenbinder, missionary to El Salvador, Central America, will speak at several valley Assembly of God churches during the next several weeks. Tonight he will speak at the Phoenix Assembly of God church at 7:30 a'clock and Sunday church is scheduled to speak in Rogue River and Kirby.

He will also speak at the monthly fellowship meeting for Assembly of God churches in the Rogue valley section in Kirby Monday. Thursday, March 12, he will speak at the First Assembly of God church, 1108 West Main st., where he will conduct a special missionary service. Sunday, March 15, he will again speak at the 11 a.m. service at Bethel Assembly of God, 1225 McAndrews rd.

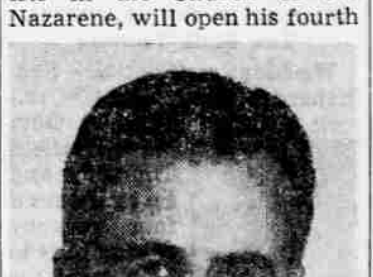
Bresee-Jones Services Close

The final meeting in the current series of Bresee-Jones Evangelistic services will be held at 7:30 a'clock tonight in the Esquire theater. The subject to be discussed is "The Unpardonable Sin." Featured in the musical portion of the service will be several numbers of the Rogue valley male quartet. Missionary volunteers will meet in the Medford church at 4 p.m. under the direction of Miss June Hoeft.

Saturday at 7:45 p.m. in the Lincoln school gymnasium the students of Rogue River academy will be presented in their annual musical program. The band, under the direction of Prince Baker will appear for the first time in uniform. Other instrumental numbers will be given by students of Edward Root. Vocal selections will also be featured with groups from different classrooms participating.

Nazarene Evangelist To Open Crusade He

The Rev. William Fisher, San Luis Obispo, Calif., and one of the leading evangelists in the Church of the Nazarene, will open his fourth



William Fisher

evangelistic crusade in the Medford First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st., Wednesday, March 11. His last meeting here was in March, 1955.

Traveling constantly Mr. Fishers work of evangelism has taken him around the world with recent meetings held in Alaska, the Hawaiian Islands and in several colleges. He is also an author. A feature of the program will be instrumental music.

A series of Lenten sermons on the "Crosses of Calvary" will be concluded Sunday at 11 a.m. when the pastor, the Rev. Raymond W. Hurn, will speak on the subject, "The Cross of Atonement." Other sermons in the series have included "The Cross of Hopelessness" and "The Cross of Penitence."

The male quartet, composed of Bill Brewster, Gerald Gardner, Dean vonStein and George McUene, will sing, "Jesus Paid It All." A ladies trio, Mrs. Rex Vowell, Mrs. Bill Brewster and Mrs. Joe Johnson will sing, "The Unveiled Christ."

Members of First Church will meet Sunday afternoon to distribute 4,000 printed invitations to the revival services which are scheduled to begin Wednesday. The distribution will be carried out by 83 workers divided into three area commands with a total of 25 teams. Area commanders include Ben Hochhalter, Roland Griffith and Ken Laurence.

College Choir To Sing Here Thirty-five members of the La Verne College choir will appear in concert at the Medford High school, Saturday, March 14, 8 p.m. Each year the choir tours northern and southern California and Arizona, and every five years makes an extensive tour which covers the Pacific Northwest. Included this year will be churches and high schools in Oregon, Washington, and western Idaho.

Although sponsored by the Church of the Brethren, La Verne college is nonsectarian in viewpoint and is attended by 500 students of many religious faiths and backgrounds. Two Oregon students are members of the choir. They are Nancy Bullard, junior, Grants Pass, and Donna Clark, Springfield.

Baptists to Sponsor Camp White Service

The First Southern Baptist church, 794 Lozier lane, will sponsor the evening service at Camp White Veterans Domiciliary Sunday at 6 p.m. The pastor, the Rev. J. M. McCraw, will bring the message and the choir under the direction of Maynard Hadley will sing.

As a prelude to the simultaneous evangelistic meetings which will be held in Southern Baptist churches throughout the world during the month of March, the Siskiyou association is sponsoring a series of Billy Graham radio programs over KBOY beginning Monday, March 9. They will continue through Friday, March 14. Broadcast time each day is 2 p.m.

Theme for the programs will be "New Life For You." DEVOTIONAL SERVICE "The Sabbath of the Soul" will be the devotional service subject Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Unity Center of Medford, Pythian hall. Friday at 11 a.m. "Keep a True Lent" will be service topic at the Center, 995 South Oakdale ave.

First Christian Church "The Friendly Church" Welcomes You TO ALL SERVICES

Preaching Service Each Evening—7:30 (EXCEPT SATURDAY)

March 8—March 15 Sunday a.m.—God's Answer to the Most Important Question. (Two Services, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.) p.m.—God's Concept of the Meaning and Purpose of Faith. Monday—God's Requirement of Repentance Imperative. Tuesday—God's Reason for the Good Confession. Wednesday—God's Purpose in Baptism. Thursday—God, and His Relation to the Church. Friday—God's Revelation Concerning Heaven and Hell. Sunday, March 15—Decision Sunday. Morning—God's Revelation Concerning the Lord's Supper. Evening—God Expects Us to Make Decisions.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ALL SERVICES

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