

Festival Manager Speaks Here To Ministerial Association

William Patton, general manager of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, Ashland, spoke at the Tuesday morning meeting of the Medford Ministerial association at the Church of Brethren.

Patton reviewed the history of the festival and explained the hiring of actors. He described the festival as a "mail order company" and mentioned the use of the festival had been adopted by several universities.

The manager explained that the formation of the company for the summer begins in December of the previous year and usually includes 92 actors and technicians. He explained, are chosen from more than 400 applications.

With the completion of the new theatre 1,150 persons may be accommodated for a single performance. He stressed that the current run of 40 successive nights spreads out the crowd as housing accommodations are not available for larger audiences. He said that in past seasons tourist accommodations have been made for festivalgoers as far away as Grants Pass.

Patton stressed that the festival has grown through the years by "word of mouth" publicity.

"One bad season would be like signing a death warrant," the speaker added.

He mentioned that a California family, who only four years ago first attended the festival, now returns annually with friends and neighbors making a group of 80 persons who remain for the full round of plays.

Patton mentioned that part of the Ford grant received by the festival earlier this year would be used to have former Shakespearean festival actors, who are now in the professional theatre, return here. Patton explained that special arrangements with Actor's Equity had been made so this could be arranged.

Scholarships

He mentioned that 10 scholarships for men and four for women are now available for actors which pay \$300 during the summer.

Baptist Pastor Here from Retreat

The Rev. James Neely, pastor of First Baptist church, returned to Medford Wednesday after spending several days at the Spring Keswick Retreat for Oregon pastors, held at Crestview conference grounds on the Columbia river.

"The Ascended Christ" will be subject of the pastor's message at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday. The adult choir, under the direction of Kenneth Raymond, will sing.

"The Stoning at Lystra," will be the film from the Life of Paul series to be shown at the mid-week prayer service on Wednesday, April 22, at 7:45 p.m.

Sunday at 7:30 p.m. the adult choir of the Medford church will present an evening of sacred music at the First Baptist church, Ashland. A variety of music, ranging from selections from Handel's Messiah to arrangements of familiar gospel hymns, will be included in the program.

Stewardship Series Continues at Church

"The Sacrifice of Service" will be the topic for the Rev. William C. Piper's sermon at both services Sunday morning at the First Christian church. This is one of a series on stewardship.

The church choir will sing immediately after the second service there will be a congregational meeting of all church members.

At the opening Bible school exercises Miss Verna Cingade, teacher of the Bible with the Jackson County Board of Christian Education will speak and give a demonstration of her work.

The Christian Youth Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. in Fellowship hall. Miss Sandra Sanner will give the lesson on "How Can I Know What is Right?" There will be no Youth Fireside Sunday evening.

The official church board will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m.

ZION LUTHERAN TOPIC

"Responsible Debtors" will be the sermon topic Sunday at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran church. The Rev. H. C. Coover, pastor, will speak. The Senior choir will sing the anthem. Couple's club will meet Friday for a skating and bowling outing in Ashland.

The general manager explained that for the 1959 season a masque had been written to be performed prior to the showing of "Twelfth Night." The masque, with original music, will show a court in the days of Elizabeth I during which time she will interview explorers of the new world.

Following the talk a business meeting was held. Reports of various committees were given. The next meeting will be held May 12 at the First Baptist church, corner of Fourth st. and Central ave.

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CHURCH NEWS

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Roman Catholic Church Is Largest Religious Body

By LOUIS CASSELS
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At the start of this century, the United States was a "missionary territory" of the Roman Catholic church.

Today it has more practicing Catholics than any country of the world except Italy. The latest official Catholic directory reports a total U. S. membership of 36,023,977. This figure, based on diocesan records, is probably low. The Census Bureau estimates that more than 43 million Americans regard themselves as Catholics.

Even at the lower figure, the Catholic church is by far the largest religious body in the nation, with four times as many members as the largest single Protestant denomination. Relations Have Improved

Despite continuing tensions over issues such as government aid for parochial schools, Catholic-Protestant relations in America have improved notably in the past 30 years. One measure of the improvement is the often-expressed belief that it is now possible for a Catholic to be elected president.

Objective observers believe that peaceful co-existence is the closest relationship that Catholics and Protestants are likely to attain in the foreseeable future. Although both sides are committed to the goal of Christian unity, they have made no detectable progress toward resolving the deep doctrinal differences that stand in the way.

Catholics believe their church is the "one true church," founded by Jesus Christ, and invested by him with infallible authority to teach and define the Christian faith. They believe that Christ committed to St. Peter the care of the whole church, and that this role has descended to each of Peter's successors as bishop of Rome.

The title "pope," applied to the bishop of Rome, comes from the Italian word for father. Catholics accept "Tradition," the Bible, as divinely inspired. But, unlike Protestants, they accept "tradition" as an equally valid source of revealed truth. They say that some important aspects of the Christian revelation were never set down in writing in the Scriptures, but were handed down through the ages, from the time of the first Apostles, by word of mouth.

On the basis of tradition, the Catholic church teaches some doctrines for which Protestants are unable to find any warrant in the Bible. An example is the dogma, proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950, that the Virgin Mary was taken up bodily into heaven (theological term is "assumed") at the end of her earthly life.

Catholic worship centers around the mass. Non-Catholics who have heard a mass sung or recited, largely in Latin, sometimes have difficulty comprehending the tremendous significance this ancient service holds for Catholics.

Renewal Of Sacrifice

To Catholics, the mass is not merely a re-enactment, but a "renewal" of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Those who participate in the service share in the "merits" which he earned for mankind by his self-giving on Calvary. Catholics also believe that the bread and wine consecrated on the altar become, not symbolically, but "really and truly" the body and blood of Christ. Those who partake of the sacrament in Holy Communion receive Christ Himself as the food of the soul.

Catholics are required on pain of mortal sin to attend mass every Sunday and on certain other holy days. While they are urged to take communion frequently, the only fixed requirement is that it be received at least once a year, during the Easter period. A Catholic must confess his sins orally to a priest.

A Catholic's minimum duty also includes going without meat on most Fridays and on certain other fast days as a form of penance.

WITNESSES SET SERIES

The Medford congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses will begin a new series of public Bible discourses Sunday. The title of the talk this week will be "Is This Existence All There is to Life?" The subject of the Sunday evening Watchtower study is "When Jehovah Rises Up to His Uninvited Work." The public is invited.

BOOK SALE

A sale of Adventist books will be held Saturday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pathfinder clubhouse. Books available at the sale will be from the Book and Bible store in Portland.

First Methodist Church Assists Goodwill Program

The First Methodist church is assisting Goodwill Industries, Oregon's workshop for the handicapped, by collecting discarded clothing and household goods which will be shipped to Portland for reconditioning by Goodwill Industries. Richard Stratton, chairman of the drive, asks that all items be left at the church between now and April 19 for packing and shipment.

Goodwill Industries is non-profit, interdenominational organization which provides vocational training and sheltered employment for physically handicapped people of all ages, races, creeds. The wages to pay these people come from the sale of reconditioned clothing and household goods. Goodwill makes it possible, through training, for many disabled persons to enter the commercial world and to earn their own way, according to Stratton. There are 120 Goodwill Industries in the United States and the one in Portland employs and trains 300 persons.

The Commission on Christian Social Relations, under the chairmanship of Robert Bayley, is sponsoring the drive. They will be assisted by members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

First Assembly Tells Activities

The Rev. Paul Raymond, Ashland, will be guest speaker at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at First Assembly of God, 1108 West Main st. Mr. Raymond is a graduate of Southern California College of Bible and Arts, Costa Mesa, Calif.

Daniel Smelser, president of the Assembly's Christ Ambassadors youth group, is in charge of the Sunday service at 7:30 p.m. In observance of National Christ Ambassadors Day the local youth group will handle all preliminaries of the Sunday evening service including music. The theme for the service will be "Follow Me" and invited guest speaker is the Rev. William Reeve, Medford.

Thursday, April 23, at 7:45 p.m., a missionary service will be conducted by the Rev. Lionel Furman, missionary to Africa. Mr. Furman, prior to his missionary duties, was pastor of the Assembly of God in Ashland.

The public is invited to all services.

Delegates Elected For Annual Meeting

Members of the Sunday school staff of First Church of the Nazarene recently chosen to represent the congregation at the annual Oregon Pacific District church schools convention in Roseburg Monday and Tuesday include William Brewster, Roland Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Laurance, Mrs. Arva Stewart, Mrs. A. M. Miller, Mrs. Lloyd Arnold, Mrs. Max Goble, and Mrs. Dean von Stein.

Nazarene Young People's Society members at their annual meeting elected as delegates Mrs. Jack Qualls, Miss Mary Stiehl, Miss Hazel Rawlings and Miss Constance Hurn. New youth president for the coming year will be Jack Qualls, who was elected to succeed Miss Carol Harris, youth president. Other officers elected in the NYPS annual meeting include Ron Warner, vice president; Hazel Rawlings, secretary; and John Bodenstab, treasurer.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Election of new officers took place at the annual business meeting of the Rogue Valley Unitarian Fellowship last Sunday. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, 144 Fourth st., Ashland. New officers are Dr. William McKinney, chairman; Mrs. Eugene Antley, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Walter Arron, librarian; Mrs. Henry DeVoss, publicity; Robert Bauman and Chester Fitch, members at large.

REVIVAL

Central Point - The Rev. John Thomas, evangelist, will conduct a series of revival meetings at the Central Point Pentecostal Church of God, 513 Pine st., starting Tuesday, April 21. The services will be held each evening starting at 7:30.

CENTRAL POINT TOPICS

Central Point - "Every Man in His Place" will be the sermon topic Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. service at Central Point Church of Christ. The minister, Mr. Jean M. Shelley, will speak. At 7:30 p.m. he will speak on "God's Power."

Quarterly Meeting Of Friends Planned For Medford Area

Medford Friends church will be host today through Sunday to representatives from 13 Friends churches from the Salem area south in the sessions of Salem Quarterly Meeting.

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock will be the meeting on ministry and oversight, led by Miss Charlotte Macy, pastor of Silverton Friends church.

The schedule for Saturday includes presentation by the board of peace and service; Norman Winters, superintendent; missionary news by Forrest Cammack, recently returned from Bolivia, and at 11 a.m., a service with message by Frank Haskins, pastor of Eugene Friends church.

Non dinner will be served by members of the local church social committee. The business session at 1:30 p.m. will be led by presiding clerk, Richard Beebe, Eugene, including reports of the departments of work within the churches. Following the business session a committee of pastors and youth leaders will meet to plan for Camp Sawal-nais to be held July 7 to 13.

Christian Endeavorers

Junior, intermediate and senior Christian Endeavorers, with sponsors and other interested adults, will attend a CE rally-banquet at 6:30 p.m. in Harmony hall. Local CE members, with Miss Pat Leek as general chairman, have planned the program, menu and decorations. Speaker will be Howard Harmon, CE president of Oregon Yearly Meeting of Friends churches. Dale Campbell, Newberg, a junior at George Fox college, will be master of ceremonies.

Awards will be made for attendance and projects completed during the past quarter. "Camp Capers" will be the theme of the banquet, and an original skit will reveal the leaders and program for this summer's Camp Sawal-nais. Mothers of Christian Endeavor members will serve the ham dinner.

There will be another meeting Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary at which Robert Morrill, Yearly Meeting financial secretary, will explain the church's current budget to treasurers, members of local finance committees and other interested persons.

The quarterly meeting sessions will end Sunday with the dedication service for the new Ashland Friends church, corner of Highway 66 and Lit Way in Ashland. Following the dedication, open house will be held from 4 to 6 p.m.

Services Told For St. Luke's

The Rev. Melvin Dixon, minister of St. Luke's Methodist church, 2940 Siskiyou blvd., will preach on "The Recovery of Faith's Simplicity" at the Sunday worship service at 11 a.m.

Church school convenes at 9:45 a.m. with classes held for all ages. Supervised nursery is conducted during the church service for pre-school children.

The MYF meets at 7 p.m. with Al Cole, counselor in charge. Bible study and prayer fellowship is held on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. with a devotional study of the Gospel of Mark being presented by the pastor. Thursday evening the chapel choir meets for rehearsal.

Tonight the fourth quarterly conference of the church will be held at 8 o'clock with the Rev. Meredith Groves, district superintendent, presiding.

Reports from the commissions will be made and the review of past attainments, and goals set forth for another year will be given.

Superintendent To Speak at Service

Dean Gregory, Portland, general superintendent of Oregon Yearly Meeting of Friends churches, will be guest speaker at the 7:30 p.m. service at the Friends church Sunday. Mr. Gregory is in southern Oregon to attend the sessions of Salem Quarterly Meeting and assist in dedication of the new Ashland Friends church.

Pastor Clynton Crisman will speak in the morning at the 9:45 and 11 a.m. worship services. Sunday school will be held at the same hours with classes for all ages and nursery care.

"Quaker Hour" will be broadcast over station KDOV at 9 a.m.

Talent Methodists To Hold Conference

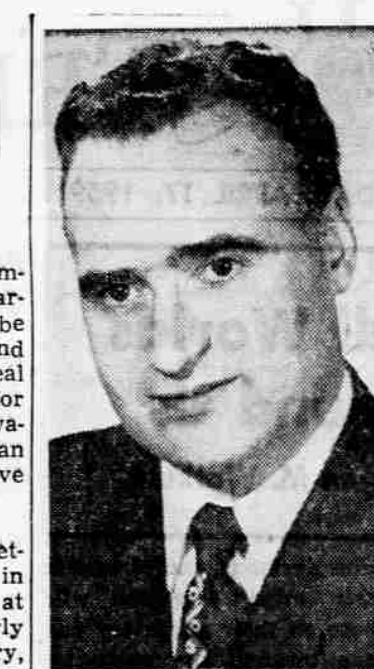
Talent - The Talent Methodist church will hold its fourth quarterly conference, Sunday, with the Rev. Meredith Groves, district superintendent, in charge. Mr. Groves will preach at the morning worship service, which will be followed by a potluck dinner in the church annex.

The conference will meet at 1:15 p.m. in the church. Children will meet in the annex for their own fellowship at the same time.

Ascension Lutheran Church Tells Title

"Christ's Little While" will be the subject Sunday of the sermon by the Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor of Ascension Lutheran church. The worship service will start at 11 a.m.

Thursday at 7 and 8 p.m. classes in church doctrine preparatory to church membership will be held.



DR. GEORGE COULTER
District Officer to Speak

Former Medford Pastor to Speak

Dr. George Coulter, former pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, Medford, and now district superintendent of the northern California district, will return to Medford Sunday to preach in both the 10:55 a.m. and 7 p.m. services.

Dr. Coulter served as pastor for a period of 3½ years and was appointed to his present position 12 years ago. He has served for some years as a member of the general board of the church and will speak in the annual youth and Sunday school convention of the Oregon Pacific district to be held next week at Roseburg.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 520 North Holly st. The morning worship service is broadcast over station KDOV from 11 a.m. to 12 noon each Sunday.

Cancer Control Sunday April 19

Cancer Control Sunday will be observed in Jackson county on April 19. Men and women of all faiths in the county will join in prayer for divine guidance in the 1959 Cancer Crusade. The announcement of Cancer Control Sunday was made this week by Mrs. C. B. Collins, educational chairman for the Jackson County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Collins said Mrs. Lloyd Parsons has been coordinating the distribution of cancer literature throughout the many churches in the valley. The aim of the Society, according to Mrs. Parsons, is to educate everyone to the dangers of cancer, and methods of control. April is Cancer Control Month by proclamation of the President.

Speakers Told For Sunday Round Table

"The Minister's Round Table" sponsored by the Medford Ministerial Association will be heard on radio station KMDZ Sunday at 8:05 a.m. The speakers will be the Rev. William C. Piper, Medford First Christian church, and Mr. Jean M. Shelley, minister of the Central Point Church of Christ.

The present series of Round Table discussions have been given by ministers of the different church denominations, telling of their particular church.

Centennial Sunday To Be Observed

In part, with the other churches in the city of Medford, the Salvation Army will honor the 100th anniversary of the state Sunday.

As part of the event, the Sunday school will be represented by the wearing of Centennial costumes. There will be awarded presented to the men, women, boys and girls wearing the most original costumes.

The general assembly will be conducted by the Corps cadets starting at 9:45 a.m.

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Presbyterians Announce Topics for Sunday Services

Dr. D. Kirkland West will preach at both morning worship services of the First Presbyterian church Sunday on the theme "Something for Nothing."

At the first service the Westminster choir will sing the anthem "O Quanta Qualia" and at the second service the chancel choir will sing "Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts." Dr. and Mrs. Milton R. Snow will sing "The Lord's Prayer" as a duet at both services.

The chancel choir of the church will give a concert of sacred music at 5 p.m. Sunday. The choir is under the direction of Lynn Sjolund with Mrs. Richard Hart at the organ. The concert will feature not only selections of classical sacred music but also some organ numbers played by Mrs. Robert Sheldon. The public is invited.

The Junior High Fellowship will meet at 5:30 p.m. Sunday to hear a talk by Dr. West on "Presbyterian Symbolism and Beliefs." Westminster Fellowship for senior high youth will meet at 7 p.m. for the first in a series of meetings on Christian theology. The Rev. Melvin Dixon of St. Luke's Methodist church will be the guest speaker on the subject "What a Christian Believes About God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit." Fireside will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Harris, 707 South Oakdale ave.

Central Point - The Rev. Bruce J. Weber, pastor, will preach the second of a series of sermons on "The Will of God," entitled "His Circumstantial Will," at the First Presbyterian church, Central Point, Sunday at 11 a.m. A nursery for pre-school children is provided. Fellowship over a cup of coffee follows the service.

Church school classes for all ages begin at 9:45 a.m. At the Westminster Fellowship meeting at 7 p.m., Miss Sharon Shellabarger will be the discussion leader.

Groundbreaking Set For Shady Cove Area

Shady Cove - Groundbreaking services will be held at St. Martin's Episcopal church, Shady Cove, Sunday at 2:30 p.m. with the Rev. W. B. MacHenry officiating.

The church was organized and first services were held Feb. 15, 1953, with the Rev. Albert E. Render, conducting the service as the first vicar.

All members of the organizing committees have been invited to participate in the service.

Mr. MacHenry announced that the Right Rev. James W. F. Carman, bishop of the diocese, will be unable to attend. Wayne Stouble is architect for the new church.

GUEST SPEAKER

The Rev. Eldon Mouser, Portland, will be guest speaker Wednesday, April 22, at the 7 p.m. midweek service at First Church of God.

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