

Rogue River Church Schedules Open House Sunday Afternoon

Rogue River - Members and friends of the Hope Presbyterian church are invited to view the new church building between 2 and 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Dedication services at the church were held last Sunday with Dr. D. Kirkland West, First United Presbyterian church, Medford, speaking. Also participating in the service were the Rev. D. F. Barnett Sr., Grants Pass, the Rev. Robert T. Bridge, Medford, both former pastors.

According to church records the church was organized in 1901 in Rogue River, then known as Woodville. Meetings were first held in the Woodville school house by the Rev. I. G. Knotts, church school missionary of the Presbytery of Southern Oregon.

A petition was presented to the Presbytery on April 16, 1901, and a committee appointed to organize the church.

A number of local residents and 19 members and the choir from Bethany Presbyterian church, Grants Pass, attended the organization meeting in the school house on Sunday, April 28. The Rev. Charles W. Hayes, presided at the meeting.

The name chosen for the church by the members was "The Hope Presbyterian Church of Woodville."

The Rev. S. H. Jones, Jacksonville, acted as supply pastor until the spring of 1902 when the Presbytery attempted to secure a man for the position.

The Board of Trustees met March 31, 1902, to discuss the building of a church. The building site had been given by Ephraim Stevens, whose daughter, Mrs. Linnie Connelly, still resides in Rogue River.

Two residents of Rogue River, James Whipple and Carlos Magerle, recall that the lumber was donated and T. H. B. Taylor furnished the shingles for the roof.

Wilbur Williams, a Grants Pass carpenter, cut the lumber and the men of the community worked together, assembled the material, and thus the church was built.

It took approximately one year to accumulate the material and build the church complete with the bell tower, but there was no money to purchase a bell. The members gave suppers and entertainments and after several years enough money was raised to buy the bell. It was shipped by freight from Portland and when it arrived in Rogue River there remained the problem of putting it in place. Several men went out into the woods and returned with three long poles. These were made into a tripod and in this manner the bell was hoisted in place.

In 1909 the school district built a new brick school building and the school board advised the church members they could have the old school building if they would move it away. The building was moved and attached to the rear of the church.

In 1919 the community felt

a need for a building in which the young people could play basketball. A large portion of the materials for the building were donated by the saw-timber industry.

Thornton Says 'Average' Good

Salem—UPI—The "batting average" of Oregon's Department of Justice compares favorably with that of the circuit judges of Oregon in cases appealed to the State Supreme Court, Attorney General Robert V. Thornton told the Marion County Bar Association Friday.

In the six years from 1953 through 1958, the Supreme Court has affirmed the Circuit courts in about 63 per cent of cases appealed. It modified or reversed decisions of the lower courts in 37 per cent of the cases.

In the same period the Supreme Court has affirmed 69 per cent of Thornton's cases, and modified or reversed 31 per cent of them, he said.

Thornton said he was "going to bat" for the justice department's record only to "straighten out some inaccurate scorekeeping by Gov. (Mark) Hatfield and other Republican hecklers in the bleachers, or the umpire—which is the Supreme Court."

Beginning Swim Classes Scheduled

A beginning swim class for men will be held at the Medford YMCA every Monday evening starting Nov. 30, the YMCA has announced.

Willard Harwood, a student at Southern Oregon college, will be the instructor. Participants in the class must be members of the YMCA or take the course on a limited member basis.

The YMCA encourages fathers to take part in the father and son swim, which will precede the beginning swim class Monday evenings. Additional information may be obtained at the YMCA.

Framing Lumber To Be Grade Marked

Washington - All framing lumber used in housing built under federal housing administration inspection will have to be grade-marked, Federal Housing Commissioner Julian H. Zimmerman has announced.

Softwood framing lumber going into houses with FHA insured mortgages after next April 1, will have to be identified by the grade mark of an association or independent inspection agency qualified to grade-mark the wood, the commissioner said.

Associations qualified to give a grade-mark in Oregon are West Coast Lumber Inspection bureau, 1410 SW Morrison st., Portland, and Western Pine association, Yemsa building, Portland. An independent agency is A. E. Green Inspection agency, 861 Willamette st., Eugene.

mill, and the men of the community built the hall adjoining the rear of the church. In later years this came to be known as Fellowship Hall.

Mr. Stevens was a charter member of the church and one of the first elders. He served as an elder for approximately eight years and as a trustee for 12 years.

In 1910 James Martin, a farmer who was a former missionary in Jamaica, was elected an elder and served in that capacity and as clerk of the session for 17 years. He and his wife, Annie, were active members of the church and seven of their nine children were members.

Ministers

Among the ministers who have served the church are the Rev. S. H. Jones, the Rev. R. Tweed, the Rev. John E. Lay, the Rev. M. E. Coen, the Rev. J. P. Hearst, the Rev. John MacAllister, the Rev. J. Manley Spencer, the Rev. John W. Hoyt, the Rev. Joseph A. McVeigh, the Rev. Aaron Wolfe, the Rev. W. Lee Gray, the Rev. W. McAfee Wilson, the Rev. John Haman, the Rev. W. A. Cowden, the Rev. Joseph Bowdoin, a Rev. Mr. Bancroft, a Rev. Mr. Iverson, the Rev. Elvin Hess, the Rev. Andrew B. Montgomery, Mr. Barnett Sr. and Mr. Bridge. The present pastor is the Rev. Robert L. Maxson.

The building fund for the present edifice was started by Mrs. Elizabeth Sheffield in 1952. She saw the need for a new building and decided to give a portion of the money received from each painting she sold toward this project.

In 1954 the session of the church started the Building Fund campaign and a concert effort was made toward the financing of a new building. Ground breaking ceremonies were held on July 13, 1958, and the building was completed last month.

It is of concrete block construction built on a concrete slab, with the interior finish of natural wood. It contains a sanctuary, social hall and kitchen, and an educational plant.



2-COL CUT CAPS - SPOT with AIR FORCE-2-COL HIGH JUMP—Capt. Joseph W. Kittinger Jr., of the Aerospace Medical Laboratory at Wright Air Development Center, Ohio, is shown fully clad in his partial pressure suit and other specialized clothing and equipment before a test jump from 28,000 feet in WAD's latest free-fall parachute jump tests for safe bailout from high altitudes. Later jump was made from open balloon gondola at 76,400 feet, the highest a man has ever soared in an open balloon craft for the longest free-fall parachute jump in aerial history. —(UPI Telephoto)

Crow's Notes Better Demand

Portland—UPI—Crow's Lumber Market News Service Friday noted a slightly better demand from some parts of the nation as a signal to a stronger tone in the green fir market.

Crow's reported that volume placements for inventory the past week were made by some users of green and dry fir and dry Hemlock dimensions, mostly from the East and Midwest. Buying has been slow in California and the Southwest, the Service said. Douglas fir plywood sheath-

ing prices had their ups and downs at week's end due to a \$4 price increase announced Monday by Georgia-Pacific.

Crow's said not all mills were able to sell at the advanced figure although most reported an improvement over last week's \$88 figure. Sanded mill stock went at \$64. Pine region prices were mostly unchanged.

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Air Force Officer Jumps From 27,400 Feet in New Test

Washington—UPI—An Air Force officer has parachuted from a record altitude of 76,400 feet over the New Mexico desert, the Air Force announced Friday.

Capt. Joseph W. Kittinger Jr., 31, of Tampa, Fla., made the jump from a balloon gondola last Monday as a part of tests aimed at bringing men back safely after bail-out in the stratosphere.

The Air Force said a physical examination showed that Kittinger was in "perfect condition" after the historic descent of almost 14½ miles.

It took him three minutes to descend to the desert floor in southern New Mexico. He leaped from an altitude where the temperature was 104 degrees below zero.

Large Parachute

His parachute, an enormous 28-foot affair, opened automatically at 10,000 feet and carried him safely to earth. The balloon, 300-feet in diameter, was started skyward at the White Sands, N.M., missile range at 7 a.m. Monday. It took 90 minutes to reach the altitude from which Kittinger jumped. He rode in a specially designed basket weighing 1,050 pounds on his upward journey.

Kittinger, who rode a balloon to 96,000 feet in a sealed gondola capsule on June 2, 1957, is assigned to the Aerospace Medical Laboratory at the Air Force's Wright Air Development Center, Dayton, Ohio.

Highest Altitude

The Air Force was unable to say immediately what the previous official parachute

record was but point out that the highest altitude from which men are believed to have jumped is 55,000 feet. That was done by two British Air Force officers from a disabled Canberra bomber. There is no recorded jump anywhere near as high as Kittinger's, the Air Force said.

A U.S. Marine has parachuted from a disabled plane at 46,000 feet and two Air Force officers deliberately have bailed out of a bomber at 43,000 feet in tests.

Kittinger's jump probably will not be entered as an official parachuting record, an Air Force spokesman said, since it was carried out for other purposes and official record custodians did not measure his drop.

Applying Urges Farm Products Promotion

Portland—UPI—Secretary of State Howell Applying Thursday urged businessmen to help Oregon agriculture promote products of Oregon farms.

Applying spoke at a luncheon sponsored by the Portland Chamber of Commerce agriculture committee on observance of Farm-City week.

He said that Oregon is one of the most diversified and productive agricultural lands in the world and can grow almost every fruit and field crop native to the temperature zone.

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