

Two Accidents Are Reported to Police

Two accidents involving three vehicles were investigated Wednesday by Oregon state police.

Late yesterday, vehicles operated by Anna Jewell Matchette, 18, of 1327 Morrow rd., and Raymond Duane Roberts, 26, of 1127 Saling ave., collided at the intersection of Stewart and Oakdale aves., according to police.

About 9:15 a.m., a loaded log truck, operated by William Roscoe Trusty, 23, of 14 Beach st., Ashland, turned onto its side on the access road from Interstate 5 to Rock Point bridge near Gold

Final Date for SOC Pre-Registration Set

Ashland - Saturday, Aug. 18, will be the final date for pre-registration for incoming freshmen at Southern Oregon college, Dr. Alvin Fellers, director of student affairs, has announced.

Placement testing will begin at 9 a.m. in Britt Student Center ballroom. Prospective students also will schedule their fall courses, and become acquainted with the college campus.

Hill. According to police, the truck, owned by the Bruce Blew Logging company, was making a left turn when the trailer dropped off the bank causing the truck to turn over.



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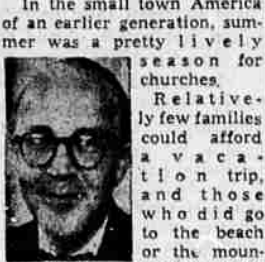
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Religion in America

Sharply Pared Church Activity During Summer Said Avoidable

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In the small town America of an earlier generation, summer was a pretty lively season for churches.

Relatively few families could afford a vacation trip, and those who did go to the beach or the mountains rarely stayed longer than a week.

Knowing that most people would be at home, and that children wouldn't be tied down with school activities, churches planned a big program. Summer was the time for vacation Bible schools, church picnics, Sunday school socials and revival meetings conducted by big-name visiting preachers.

Today, in the typical suburban church, you'll find no such bustle of summer activity. In fact, you'll be lucky if you find anything going on. During July and August, it is standard practice in many churches to suspend Sunday school classes, dismiss the choir, drastically reduce the schedule of worship services, and turn the pulpit over to a succession of substitute preachers who are sometimes chosen for their availability rather than their eloquence.

Some pastors feel that the "summer slump" is unavoidable. They point out that long out-of-town vacations have become the rule rather than the exception for American families. And the automobile makes it easy to get away for a week end even if a family is theoretically spending the summer at home.

Moreover, they say, the hardworking "regulars" who carry the load of church activity really need a breathing spell during the summer, a chance to let down a little and renew their energy and enthusiasm for the hectic pace which will resume in September.

While acknowledging the force of these arguments, other ministers believe that a church is betraying its Lord when it lies down and plays dead for nearly one fourth of the year. With ingenuity and determination, they say, a church can remain alive year-round.

In the current issue of the Methodist magazine "Together," ministers who have successfully overcome the summer slump tell how they did it.

Should Avoid Absences

The Rev. Bernard T. Lomas, pastor of the Epworth-Euclid Methodist church of Cleveland, Ohio, says the minister should avoid protracted absences during the summer.

"Although he needs time off for physical and spiritual refreshment, he should not be gone for long periods. Two-

week vacations properly scheduled will be of greater benefit to him and his family, without dealing church activity a death blow."

The Rev. Harvey F. Smith, pastor of Saint Andrew's Methodist church, Jamaica Plain, Mass., said his church conducts its principal Sunday service at 9:30 instead of 11 a.m. during the summer, and encourages the congregation to come in informal dress so that families can start for the nearby seashore, lakes or parks when the service ends.

The Rev. Mr. Smith also feels that summer should be a time for especially good preaching by the pastor rather than indifferent sermons from substitutes. He polls the members of his congregation on their most "pressing concerns" and prepares a special series of sermons addressed to those concerns.

In Colorado, a number of pastors have found it helpful to recruit summer staffs to relieve the Sunday school teachers, choir members, ushers and other church workers who serve most of the year.

"This serves a threefold purpose," said a spokesman for the Rocky Mountain Methodist conference. "New people, and more people, are involved in the program of the church. Programs are given the impetus of fresh ideas. And regular workers can take a rest, returning refreshed and enthusiastic in the fall."

Although the details of suc-

Two Nominated as Oregon Postmasters

Washington - UPI - Two men were nominated Wednesday as postmasters in Oregon. They were Richard A. King of Forest Grove and Chester T. French of Waldport. Their names were sent to the Senate for confirmation.

Successful summer programs vary from one church to another, they all seem to be animated by the same philosophy. It was expressed succinctly by the Rev. Mr. Lomas:

"We realize that people may take a vacation from the church, but we do not think the church should ever take a vacation from the people."

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'ACHING BACK' OK

Washington - UPI - President Kennedy was asked about the state of his "aching back" at his news conference Wednesday. The President grinned and replied that it depended on the weather - "political and otherwise." He followed up by saying that "it's very good though, today."

Plane Found on Hood Identified

San Francisco - UPI - The Sixth Army said Wednesday the wreckage of a plane found on Mt. Hood recently was that of a P-38 flown by 2nd Lt. Alan C. Strader of the 38th Fighter Squadron, Paine Field, near Everett, Wash.

The skeleton of the pilot was found in the wreckage. Strader has been listed as missing since his plane disappeared March 16, 1943, during a flight from Portland Army Air Base. He vanished after flying into an overcast during a formation local training flight with another plane.

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