

ON THE RECORD—Prior to yesterday's special community chest conference here, the three interested participants above leafed through one of the chest record books. The trio is composed of (l to r): Verne Spiers, Mills school principal; Rev. Irvin Tweet, Klamath Lutheran; and Rev. David Barnett Jr., First Presbyterian.

Parsons to Aid Chest; Policy, Method Argued

By WALLACE MYERS
Why has the Klamath community chest been able to make its quota in only one of the eight years of its history?

That question was sized up from several angles in an informal meeting yesterday.

The meeting was called at the behest of a group of Klamath Falls ministers. The ministers, however, were concerned only with the fact the chest had failed again this year. They did not intend that the meeting should grow into a debate on chest methods and policy.

The chest this year collected approximately 66 percent of its quota. The goal was \$77,370; collections totaled \$51,108. The chest drive was in process of closing up shop last week when a minister requested yesterday's meeting.

Eleven ministers were present. They agreed to call attention to the chest failure from their pulpits. A few of the ministers also agreed to aid in a special funds drive.

NEW TOPICS
Those actions completed the meeting's original intent. But there was a good deal more to come and the session ran into a two-hour affair.

Sticky muffins—like sticky buns—are delicious. To make the muffins put a half tablespoon of soft butter or margarine, a half tablespoon of brown sugar, and two or three pecan halves in each muffin cup. Fill the muffin cups two-thirds full of batter and bake as usual.

Besides the 11 ministers, there were some 20 chest officials, workers and interested business men at the meeting.

Once the ministers had disposed of their matters these laymen began a discussion of the chest failures. And some of the ministers took part.

It was stern talk with criticisms leveled at chest methods and general policy and stout answers from chest defenders.

The Rev. George Alder, First Christian church, questioned the advisability of having state agencies participate in the Klamath chest.

DEFENSE
Alder was forthrightly answered by Chest Co-chairman George McIntyre. He said that since many Klamath persons were cared for by these state institutions that Klamath people should help support the institutions. McIntyre strengthened his argument by telling of one orphanage which, because of its dire financial plight, had to pay cash for its groceries day by day.

Alder retorted with the observation that a few of the chest agencies were already being aided by the churches.

The Rev. P. C. Alderson, Seventh Day Adventist, entered this debate by pointing out that some church-supported agencies did the same type work as some of the chest agencies.

Calvin Peyton, president of Peyton and Co., criticized chest collection methods. He held that the payroll deduction plan, whereby

pledges are deducted from salaries in small amounts over a long period, had not been properly utilized.

COMEBACK
This drew a strong answer from Chest Co-chairman Nelson Reed.

He said the plan had been tried extensively but had not been very successful.

Reed, his voice tinged with bitterness, said many who had promised to support the deduction plan had failed to do so.

Peyton retorted with another criticism. This one holding that the chest's biggest shortcoming was insufficient contacts with potential contributors.

W. E. Palmer created a flurry of talk with a novel proposal for overcoming this year's chest deficit. He recalled that the Herald and News recently ran an Associated Press story telling how a New Jersey community had raised a large sum of money in a matter of hours. The community dressed several prominent officials and citizens in prison garb, jailed them and set their bail at the amount of money needed for the community project. The idea worked in the New Jersey town and Palmer said it was worth a try here.

At the meeting's start, Chest Pres. Lynn Roycroft, named the Rev. David Barnett Jr., First Presbyterian, as moderator.

Barnett termed the chest failure a sign of "moral and spiritual weakness" in the community and then polled the other ministers on their willingness to "bear witness" from their pulpits.

He repeatedly said he was not suggesting that church congregations be solicited for funds from the pulpits.

He also said the ministers were not attending the meeting as representatives of the Klamath Ministerial Assoc. That they were there "strictly on their own."

Other ministers who participated were: Galen Gustad, St. Paul's Episcopal; Irvin Tweet, Klamath Lutheran; Richard Graef, Zion Lutheran; E. M. Causey, First Baptist; Edward Lander, Community

Church of the Brethren; Dwayne Proett, Peace Memorial Presbyterian; Donald Cassidy, Congregational; Lloyd Holloway, First Methodist; P. C. Alderson, Seventh Day Adventist; and Deal Van DeGrift, Church of the Nazarene. Ministers who agreed to participate in a solicitation drive are to meet at chest headquarters, Monday, 10 a.m.

Engineers Ponder Ways of Building Dams Without Death

PORTLAND, (AP)—You can't build a big dam without killing somebody. That's a pretty generally accepted idea in construction circles but the corps of engineers is trying to change it.

On the record the engineers can't do much convincing and they aren't trying to right now. But they think they are going to make the record on future dams—the one about to start at The Dalles, for instance—look different.

McNary dam has been under construction for more than four years. It has killed 13 workmen. Detroit dam has been a-building for less than three years and has killed three men. Lookout Point's toll has been five. Chief Joseph dam is far from completion and it has claimed five lives. Lucky Peak dam in Idaho has killed only one. Workmen have been building Albeni Falls dam in Idaho for about a year and so far they have escaped fatal accidents.

That's probably just a fortunate coincidence, the engineers agree, but they think maybe they had a hand in it, just as they have been working to see that when actual construction starts on The Dalles dam, accidents will have trouble happening.

Dam building is hazardous work. That is one reason the corps of engineers has set up in each of its districts a safety organization whose job is to see to it that accident-producers aren't built into the dams. And they think they are getting results.

They sit right down with the designers and say what sort of things will cause more accidents and how they can be changed to produce fewer accidents.

In all of the engineers' projects in the North Pacific division, there are an estimated five million man hours a month of exposure to hazard. In other words, there are lots of jobs that by their very nature are hazardous and lots of men working on them.

Figures from the national safety council show that with the number of men at work for the engineers in this division and the types of jobs, there should be about 150 disabling accidents every month. But there has been an average of only 65.

Statisticians in the engineers' office here have figured out that as a result of keeping accidents under the national average, the saving in compensation payments since 1939 has been \$1,000,000.

It was in 1939 that the engineers applied safety engineering to all their contract work. At first there were some contractors who wanted to save time and thought they saw a conflict. But now, the engineers say, the contractors for the most part are just as enthusiastic as anyone else about getting rid of the hazards. McNary dam, despite the safety work, has had 5300 days of actual work lost due to accidents. That has slowed down the job. Fewer accidents would

please everyone. Any big construction job can be hazardous—eight men have been killed in Oregon this year on highway jobs. One man was killed in building the old Tacoma Narrows bridge and another was hit by a beam and killed on the new one. But dams, for some reason, have

been the most hazardous of all and since dams and the Pacific Northwest go together, the engineers hope that by showing how to keep unsafe practices out, the cost of new dams won't be measured in part in lives. And they say the accident trend per man-hours of work is on the way down.

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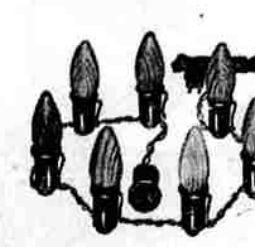
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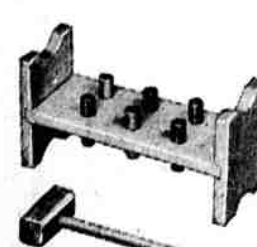
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