

Zion Lutheran Church Marks 35th Anniversary

Members of Zion Lutheran Church, 10th and High, could observe the 35th birthday of their church this year.

Although the present church building is actually only a couple of years old in its present finished condition, the life of Zion Lutheran in Klamath Falls as a regular institution of worship dates back to 1917 when the late Rev. Ed Doering, a traveling missionary, started regular services.

Prior to that, Rev. Doering, traveling by horseback or in wagon or buggy, used to reach Klamath Falls about twice a year back as far as 1893.

PERMANENCE

Rev. Martin Rossman was installed as the first permanent pastor in 1917. Services were held first at the library building, then in chamber of commerce rooms in the basement of the building which now houses LaPointe's store at 9th and Main.

The first congregation, according to church records, consisted of four families, and the first elders were Claus Ronfield, John Hagelstein Sr. and Walter Zetzman. Charter members still living are George Hagelstein and John Hagelstein Jr. Mrs. Lydia Fricke Howard, Mrs. George Hoffman and Mrs. Leonard Kohlmeier were the first Sunday School teachers.

Rev. Rossman died in the influenza epidemic of 1920, and a ministerial student, Carl Matthias, served the congregation during 1921. Rev. Herbert Meyer was the pastor from 1921 to 1923, and Rev. George Hoffman served from 1924 until 1941.

Rev. Carl Nitz became pastor in 1941 and in 1943 was succeeded by Rev. Victor Schulze, who served until 1951. The present pastor, Rev. Richard Graef, was installed in June of 1951.

NEW HOME

After occupying the 5th and Main location for several years, Zion Lutheran erected its church-parsonage in 1953, and used it for church services until 1948, when the present beautiful building at 10th and High was opened.

A ground-breaking ceremony was held in August of 1946, and members of the church devoted much of their time and talents to the construction of the present church building. By Easter Sunday, 1948, services could be held in the building although it was not completed. While part of the building was being used, members of the church were working to build the rest of the rock structure until finally, in 1950, the completed church — now one of the finest of Klamath Falls' churches — was dedicated.



DOWN TO ONE STOMACH—Five-months-old Deborah Pfeifer smiles in the arms of Nurse Frances Tihen after having an extra stomach removed at Children's Hospital, St. Louis. Deborah's mother, Mrs. Norman Pfeifer of St. Louis, became concerned because the baby cried everytime she lay on her stomach. At the hospital Deborah's trouble was diagnosed as a second stomach, extremely rare, and a "medical anomaly." The second stomach was inactive.

New Job For General Grow

WASHINGTON (AP) — Maj. Gen. Robert W. Grow has been assigned to the Army's historical office Thursday — one month after he was convicted by a court martial of writing secret information in his personal diary.

The diary fell into the hands of Soviet agents and it was used as the basis of a propaganda attack earlier this year. The Army said it was taken from a hotel room in Frankfurt when Grow was on a visit.

In it, the Communist propagandists said, Grow had written such things as:

"War As soon as possible! Now!"

"The time is ripe for a blow this year."

"We must learn that in this war it is fair to hit below the belt."

Grow himself has never commented on the matter.

Following Grow's conviction, the Army put out a statement saying that some of the statements listed by the Russians as appearing in the general's diary were "complete fabrications."

Other quotations, the Army said, were lifted out of context and did not refer to what the Russians said they did. For instance, the Army said, Grow actually was referring to Russian intentions when he wrote that the time was ripe for war in Europe.

AL Auxiliary Names Heads

NEW YORK (AP) — Mrs. Rae Ashton, a Vernal, Utah department store owner, was elected national president of the American Legion Auxiliary Thursday.

Mrs. Craig Goyner of Bend, Ore. was elected regional vice president for the western division.

Mrs. Ashton is a widow. Her husband served in World War I, and her two sons are veterans of World War II. She is the 33rd president of the auxiliary which now has a record enrollment of a million women.

One Day Job Nets \$25,000

CLEVELAND (AP) — Twenty-two years ago, when he was 18, Ronald W. Becker took a "one day" job. Now he has inherited \$25,000 from a woman who kept him on that job all these years.

Becker had just lost his job in an automobile agency, and one of the agency's executives asked him if he wanted to drive for one day for a woman who had just bought a car.

That was how he met Mrs. Edith H. O. Hall, who died July 26 at the age of 79 in Charlevoix, Mich.

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'Cartel' Oil Firms Fail To Appear Before Committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Small Business Committee said today none of seven big oil firms accused of monopoly practices has accepted an offer to appear before the committee and dispute the charge.

The monopoly accusations were detailed in a long-suppressed report written by Federal Trade Commission staff members. The report was made public by the Senate committee Monday after President Truman acceded to senators' demands that it be released.

Blake O'Connor, directing the committee's professional staff, said the group will decide now whether to order public hearings of its own on the matter, write a report based on the FTC findings or simply let the report stand.

Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama, the committee chairman and Democratic nominee for vice president, announced in making the report public he was reserving yesterday and today for public hearings if any of the seven companies wanted to reply.

"We have had no request for a hearing from any of the seven," O'Connor told a reporter. "There have been no takers, so Dr. Waller Adams, the staff member who would have conducted the hearings, is returning to his post as a member of the faculty of Michigan State College at East Lansing, Mich."

The report named the seven companies as Standard Oil of New Jersey, Standard of California, the Texas Co., Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. and Gulf Oil Corp., all incorporated in this country, the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., largely owned by the British government, and Royal Dutch Shell, owned mainly by Dutch and British interests. In press statements at the time, the companies generally denied any wrongdoing.

The Justice Department is investigating the group, and has filed damage suits totaling 67 million dollars against the two Standard companies, the Texas Co. and Socony-Vacuum.

O'Connor said he considers it "perfectly understandable" that the companies declined an opportunity to answer the FTC while the grand jury inquiry and the law suits are pending.

Sen. James E. Murray, Montana Democrat, announced, meanwhile, he expects the FTC report will be used widely as campaign material in support of Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson, the Democratic presidential nominee. Murray said it "shows Stevenson made the correct and courageous stand" on the campaign issue of state or federal control of the rich offshore oil reserves in this country.

Stevenson said he was against any "blanket cession" of these national assets to individual states.

Murray denounced a move by members of the staff of the Senate Interior Committee, of which he is a member, to promote a compromise offer to coastal states of a big share in the "tidelands" oil and other mineral treasure.

He said he suspects rich oil companies "planted" the compromise idea, and that he will use the FTC report as ammunition whenever the subject arises.

The committee staff, through a spokesman who declined to be named, announced yesterday it has abandoned the compromise proposal, which it had advanced tentatively to the staffs of the Justice and Interior Departments.

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Oregon Gas Sales Raise

SALEM (AP) — Heavy tourist travel pushed gasoline sales in Oregon during July to an all-time monthly record of 57 million gallons. Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry said Thursday.

The total was 2,500,000 gallons more than the previous record set in June, 1950.

Newbry said August sales probably will exceed those of July.

Gasoline sales in the first seven months of this year totaled 319 million gallons, an increase of 12 million over the similar period of last year.

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