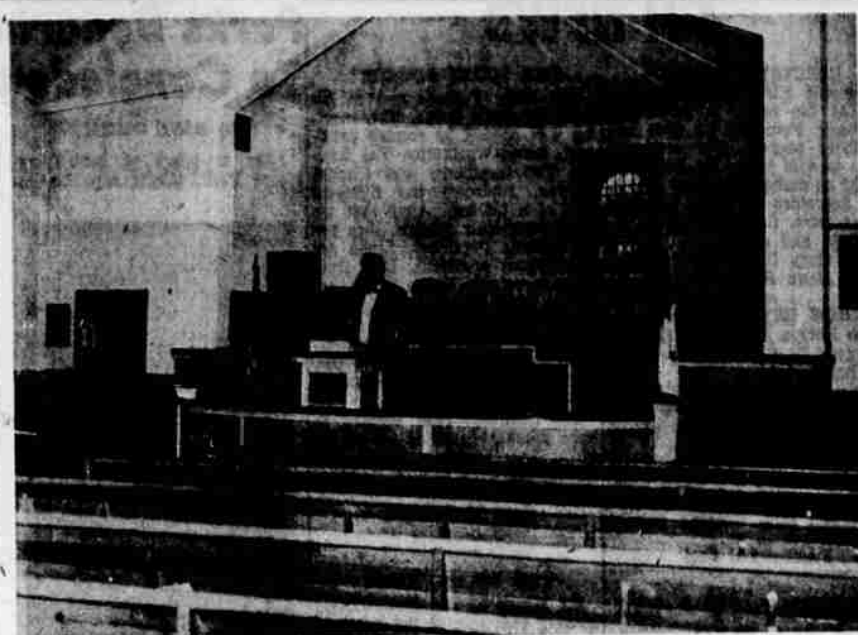




**FRIED CHICKEN** was on the menu for men at the Klamath Falls Gospel Mission, one night this week, prepared by Herbert Smith, behind the cook table. Smith cooked for 14 years at the Hacienda in Fresno and is now a member of the local mission staff. Assisting in the kitchen is Jim Bridges at the stove. Lots of coffee is served to men at the mission.



**NIGHTLY SERVICES** are held in the sanctuary at the Klamath Falls Gospel Mission for men who spend a short time at the mission. Pastors of several churches assist John Pedersen in filling the pulpit. A piano and organ were included with other equipment in the building formerly the First Covenant Church on Walnut Street. Men enjoy the old hymns. John Pedersen, mission manager, is in the pulpit.



**HAIRCUTS AND SHAVES** are hard to get when men travel across country by freight or on foot, as many do who come to the Klamath Falls Gospel Mission. Here, Walter Long, left, a barber by trade, cuts hair for Robert Steels of Salt Lake City who stopped at the mission. A trimup helps men who are looking for work. Shower baths are also taken by men with facilities built by the visitors who represent many of the building trades.

### Church Mission Provides Haven For Unfortunates

By RUTH KING

Men down on their luck, men looking for work and those in need of encouragement, a good hot meal, a bath, shave, bed and clothing, can now find accommodations for a brief time in Klamath Falls without putting out one cent. Through efforts of the director, John Pedersen, assistance from many churches, work donated by men who stop for help and contributions of materials and cash from the community, the old First Covenant Church on Walnut Street has been transformed in two months to clean comfortable quarters for unfortunates. Big portions of hot stew, bread and coffee are served at night. Hot rolls and coffee are on the breakfast menu. A shower has been installed and two-tiered bunk beds provide a place to rest for about 20 men. Haircuts are given free by a barber at the mission, and the men can shave. "Cleanliness is stressed in all gospel missions," Pedersen says. Clean, worn clothing is also available. Men are encouraged to look for work and loitering about the premises is not permitted. The dining room is comfortable and the kitchen is spotless. Upstairs, above the living quarters, services are held each evening in the church sanctuary. Pastors of several churches have assisted John Pedersen in filling the pulpit. Old-time hymns are sung. Mrs. Pedersen is the pianist. Use of alcoholic beverages has been no problem among the men, Pedersen states, and cooperation of the members of the Klamath Falls Police Force in bringing men to the mission has been noteworthy. Most men arrive by freight, are passing through or stop with the intention of looking for work. Jack Wright, from Texas, who has been with Pedersen for several years as assistant, keeps the wheels smoothly oiled and sees that records are kept straight. To date 103 haircuts and shaves have been given; 131 articles of clothing distributed; 34 pairs of boots and shoes given out; 1,223 meals have been served and beds provided for 776 men. Laundry is done on the premises. A staff of six or eight men is on duty. Future plans include painting and repair of the building exterior and grounds improvement, all to be done by the painters, plumbers and plasterers who are cared for. A 50-bed dormitory to be added to the rear of the building is also planned for the future. Mr. and Mrs. Pedersen have an apartment above the sanctuary.

On Sunday, March 16, from 3 to 5 p.m. the mission will be open to the public and all interested persons are invited to both events. There is no charge for either function.

A grand opening meeting is to be held at the Klamath County Fairgrounds on Friday, March 14, with the Rev. C. H. Phillips of the Fresno Rescue Mission to speak. There will be a potluck dinner in the evening with coffee and tea furnished by the mission.

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