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## Bishop's Company Brings Drama To Klamath Falls

By HELEN L. MERSON

A highly improbable, but highly believable, story about a man who joins a group of tourists from hell on their annual pilgrimage to the borders of heaven will be dramatized next week in Klamath Falls.

Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church will present the national-

by acclaimed Bishop's Company in the production of "The Great Divorce" at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12.

The evening's performance will bring together the witty brilliance of C. S. Lewis, who authored the novel by the same name, and the outstanding techniques and talents of the Bishop players.

Some of life's most searching questions will be discussed as the audience takes an imaginary excursion by bus to the heaven borderline. Spokesman and observer of the symbolic story will be "man," who joins the group of hell residents in their once-a-year trip to check on the heaven situation.

The party from hell discovers inevitably that there can be no marriage between heaven and hell, only "the great divorce."

At the heaven borderline the hell residents are met by their heavenly counterparts who are willing to help them earn their way across the great mountain to eternal happiness.

Eventually each passenger goes back to the bus for the return trip unwilling to make the sacrifice necessary for this eternal happiness.

The Bishop's Company, now headquartered at Santa Barbara, was organized in 1952 by Phyllis Benbow Beardsley, a former Klamath Basin resident. Since its

inception the group of professional players has performed in all states, except Hawaii and Alaska, and Canada.

English theater, as many people know, was born before the altar of churches as parishioners and clergymen acted out Biblical stories and teachings.

Miss Beardsley's purpose in organizing the Bishop's Company was to bring the long separation between church and stage to an end. Asking the congregation to share in the creation of the play is part of the technique of the company.

No sets or props are used. Characters usually wear contemporary clothing. Sometimes an actor will enter the scene of action from behind the audience, adding greatly to the participation of the audience.

Casts of the Bishop's two touring groups and the resident unit of Santa Barbara are inter-racial and inter-faith. The company has a full schedule as part of the concert series of colleges and universities, as well as being highlighted on church calendars in all parts of the country.

Though an independent organization, the group was named in honor of Bishop Gerald Kennedy of the Methodist Church.

No admission will be charged to the Klamath performance, but a free will offering will be taken.

## Missionary Reports On Congolese

Intense tribal loyalty and jealousy will make it difficult to form the Congo into a close federation, a 40-year missionary to Africa said at First Methodist Church Oct. 1.

Dr. Ira Gillett, now retired from service in Mozambique and the Transvaal, said that individual interests, coupled with lack of education and training of the people would make it difficult to administer anything "more than a loose confederation."

Dr. Gillett, who now lives at Eugene, said that Mozambique and Angola, both Portuguese colonies, are enduring terrible persecution and experiencing great unrest due to Portugal's tenacity in holding onto them. Both Christian missionaries and natives have been accused of fostering the spirit of independence.

During the missionary's talk he also showed films of medical work in Mozambique where Christian doctors, nurses and pastors are working with lepers.

## United Women Meet

EUGENE—Oregon will be represented at the Ninth National Assembly of United Church Women at Miami Beach, Fla., Oct. 9-12. Mrs. Carroll C. Roberts, Eugene, president of the United Church Women of Oregon, and Mrs. Gerald R. Wood, Portland, president of the Portland United Church Women, will attend.

The four-day session will bring together some 3,000 church women from all over the U.S. United Church Women, a general department of the National Council of Churches, gives leadership through its 2,300 local and state Councils of Church Women.

## Suburban Christian Set To Hear Mexican Worker

Rodney Northrup, missionary in Mexico since 1948, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Suburban Christian Church, in the second of a five-program school of missions.

Northrup, who began his mission stint in 1948, conducts a widespread program of evangelism and

education at the Saltillo Christian Mission, Saltillo, Coah. Mexico. His service falls under the auspices of the 200-acre Mountain View Ranch in Central Mexico.

The unusual center houses a Bible College for student ministers, a Christian Day School for children, a publishing house for Christian literature and a medical center. Proposed are a trade school, an orphanage, a hospital and a home for the elderly.

Teachers and students of the college have established and minister to 18 congregations in the area surrounding the mission.

Northrup's topic at the Klamath Falls church will be "The Power of Missions — the Authority of God's Word." He is one of five missionaries who will appear at the church during the annual missions emphasis.

Nearly one of every seven Americans has a chronic or permanent health impairment.



**EMOTIONAL CHURCH DRAMA** — Symbolic "Man" looks over his fellow bus passengers before departing on an excursion trip from hell to the outskirts of heaven in The Bishop's Company production of "The Great Divorce" slated for Oct. 12 at Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church.

## Klamath Falls Hosts Baptist Oct. 18-19

Between 400 and 500 messengers and visitors are expected to converge in Klamath Falls for the 14th annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington Oct. 18-19.

Klamath Baptist Association will play official host to the Southern Baptist affiliated convention which was organized in 1948.

The convention includes congregations in Northern California, Idaho and Canada in addition to Oregon and Washington. Organized with only 15 churches, including First Baptist Church in Klamath Falls, the wide-spread convention now has 204 congregations.

Day sessions of the conclave

will be at Calvary Baptist Church, while evening sessions will meet at First Baptist Church.

Other members of the hosting association include First Baptist Church at Dorris, First Southern Baptist Church at Tulelake and the newly organized Trinity Baptist Church at Lakeview.

Preceding the official convention will be equally important convales of the Women's Missionary Union at Calvary meeting simultaneously on Oct. 16-17 with the Brotherhood and Pastor's Conference at First Baptist.

Outstanding denomination leaders are scheduled for all three conventions. Dr. Harold K. Graves, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, and Mrs. Sylvia Wilson, Portland, WMU convention president, are slated for the women's meetings.

Tom LaFollette, Richard Wash, president of the convention Brotherhood, will conduct the men's meetings. Dale Crabtree, district attorney, will be guest speaker.

Southern Baptist Convention personnel will appear on the general convention programs giving reports on home and foreign missions, cooperative program, student work, evangelism, publications and camps. Officers will also be elected.

## Nazarenes Plan 10-Day Revival

Rev. Eugene A. McDowell, La Puente, Calif., pastor, will be featured in a revival Sunday, Oct. 8-15, at Lakeside Church of the Nazarene, Acosta and Quarry, according to Rev. J. Loy Ferry, pastor.

Now pastor of the Fairgrove Church of the Nazarene at La Puente, the guest evangelist has been active in church work for 17 years in the Northwest and California. His wife will be guest soloist at the meetings.

Services are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. each day throughout the eight-day campaign. Children's services are slated for 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, Rev. Ferry announced.



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## "FAMILY" TOPIC

Robert Coutts, Mount Shasta, will speak on "Achieving Happiness in the Family Circle" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Kingdom Hall. The Watchtower Society representative's talk will be followed by a study group at 7:45 p.m.

## Men Plan Auction

Mount Laki Community Presbyterian Church Men's Club has announced plans for its second annual auction to be held at 10 a.m. Oct. 28 in the fairgrounds. Joe Wright, president, is in charge of picking up donations to the event which will benefit the church education building fund.

## GOSPEL BROADCASTING

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP)—The third World Conference on Missionary Radio, meeting here this summer, set a goal of doubling the number of missionary radio stations around the world in the next 10 years. Representatives of 29 missionary radio stations that broadcast in 100 different languages on six continents were present for the meeting.

## Klamath Temple Burns Mortgage On Parsonage

A mortgage burning ceremony will highlight the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at Klamath Temple, according to Rev. Harry M. Strachan, pastor.

The ceremony will mark the final payment on the church parsonage property at 2500 Darrow. Participating in the service will be Nolan Arnett, long-time member of the congregation, and Mrs. Harvey Woodard, head deaconess of the church.

Six years ago when Rev. Strachan became pastor of the Temple, the church carried a large indebtedness and had no parsonage. Since then the church debt has been paid, the new parsonage paid for and nearly \$15,000 worth of remodeling done on the church.

The Klamath Falls church is affiliated with the Open Bible Standard Churches, Inc., of which Rev. Strachan also serves as

Oregon District superintendent.

Featured speaker at the 11 a.m. service and again at the 7 p.m. service will be Rev. H. C. Klapstein, president of Bible Standard College at Eugene and divisional superintendent of the Pacific Division, Open Bible Standard Churches.

Rev. Klapstein will speak on both college and denominational work at the services. The 36-year-old interdenominational college, which now has 115 students from 10 states and two foreign countries, has experienced great growth in the past 10 years.

A faculty of 10 instructors and three associate instructors teach at the college, which trains ministers, missionaries and Christian workers. Seven different church groups are now represented in the student body.

Another feature of the evening service will be the Harborlight Quartet of Eugene.



**HAPPY DAY** — Rev. and Mrs. Harry M. Strachan stand in front of Klamath Temple's parsonage at 2500 Darrow. Mortgage burning ceremonies for the attractive pastor's residence are slated for 11 a.m. Sunday at the Temple.



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## Monday Luncheon Honors Students

Christian Business Men's Committee of Klamath Falls will honor students at its bi-monthly luncheon at 12 noon Monday, Oct. 9, at the Klamath Gospel Temple dining hall.

Special guests, according to Rev. **NEGRO ASSIGNED** MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP) — The Augustana Lutheran Church has assigned its first Negro as an overseas missionary. She is Mrs. Anne D. Hall, of Washington, commissioned to serve in Tanganyika

ben Larson, program chairman. Speaker will be R. D. Hunkson, Campus Crusade staff worker, located at the University of Oregon at Eugene.

Early Spanish priests in Central and South America named the tropical passion-flower.

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