Gospel Mission Promotes 'Brotherhood' In Klamath

individual, regardless of race. The building and equipment is To facilitate distribution, hours of from valued at \$60,000, and \$12,000 is for the clothing line have been still owed on the original buildestablished from 9:30 a.m. to 12 (Cor a meeting held at Immanuel Bap- ing. The cost of operating the tist Church, Dec. 22, 1957. Thirty Mission is approximately \$1,000 a

tist Church. Dec 22, 1957. Thirty two representatives from various churches were present to confer with an official of the International Union of Gospel Missions, and after lengthy discussion the group decided that such an enterprise would be beneficial to Klamath Falls.

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The old Covenant Church at 223
Walnut was purchased as beadquarters for the Mission, and a
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from those attending the organizational meeting. On reference from
the IUGM, John Pedersen, an experienced rescue mission worker
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er a fraction of the expenses The Mission is open to all tran-Other churches contribute at var sent men as a possible stimulus ious times, but it was decided to rehabilitation and provides when the religious groups helped them with shaves, haircuts, organize the Mission that they meals lodging clothing, and spir-

itual counseling. The men are allowed to stay overnight for a Discounting financial a id. maximum of three nights in the churches have an important role winter and two nights in the in the work of the Mission summer, but the rule is flexible Around 30 churches are schedard based on the needs of the uled to assist with the chapel individual.

dividual services, with each minister con The restriction was made so ducting one service a month Oth bubiyiba transients would not be encour- er churches, not regularly sched-aged to remain in the city. To uled, volunteer to take the extra receive the support of local au-days in a given month. The chap-thorities, the directors assured el services, lasting an hour, are them that all necessary steps held before the evening meal at would be taken to guard against 7 p.m., seven days a week. An problems ensuing from the transcent situation. On the average, couraged many men to find them the homeless men stay only one selves and return to a normal life with and move on.

ight and move on. Women from the local churches Many of the men do find tem- also play a vital part in the oper ovary work and may remain in ation of the Mission. The wn several weeks, but the Mis-Thursday of each month is desig sion does not solicit employment nated as Ladies Aid day, However, the Mission receives from 15 to 29 women attend each merous calls for workers for meeting to mend, sort, sew on but around the having season and po-larticles of donated clothing for

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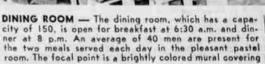
all men are brothers, The National Conference of Christians Statistics compiled from the and Jews sponsored Brother-topening of the Mission to Jan-hood Week, Feb. 17-24, for the uary, 1961, reveal the scope of 20th consecutive year. On the the operation. Thousands of men local scene, an effort to con-have taken advantage of the served of the

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THE BED YOU WILL OCCUPY TONIGHT HAS BEEN MADE POSSIABLE BECAUSE THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLE OF THIS AREA CARE. YOU ARE BEING PRAYED FOR BY THESE SPONSORS THAT YOU MIGHT COME TO KNOW THE ONE WHO SAYS COME UNTO ME ALL YE THAT LABOUR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST

CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE - This sign hanging in the new 50-bed dormitory reflects the Christian atmosphere of the Gospel Mission and gives credit to the people of the community who have contributed to its successful operation. As well as providing food and lodging, the Mission offers spiritual counseling and guidance which have benefited many of the unfortunate men.







the entire length of the front wall. The Arizona desert scene was painted last year by one of the transient men who completed the work in less than five days. A similar mural enhances the staff dining area.



term jobs, particularly tons and generally prepare the LADIES AID — The Ladies Aid, headed by Mrs. Peder sen, meets at the Mission the first Thursday of each month to mend and sort the donated clothing. Nearly all of the churches in the Klamath Basin are represented

women, who often bring their own donation material to make sheets and gowns for the men. The average attendance at the sewing sessions is 15 to 20.



LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT - The washer, dryer and extractor obtained by the Mission in October were wel-come additions to the laundry. Mr. Pedersen, pictured, said before the new equipment arrived, the numerous towels, sheets, pajamas and gowns were washed in a



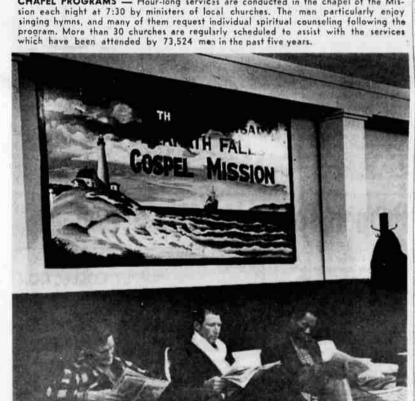
household wester in the basement and carried to the roof for drying — weather permitting. The equipment is valued at \$2,000, but through the efforts of local businessmen, the Mission was able to purchase the units for



DETAILS CHECKED - John Pedersen, superintendent. checks with Paul White, staff member, on one of the many details of the daily routine. Paul, who has been a member of the Mission staff for over six months, is one of the men in charge of cleaning, laundering, and distribution of clothing. The staff is usually composed of from six to eight rehabilitated men.



BARBER SERVICE — A haircut and a shave are standard services at the Gospel Mission. The Mission furnishes soap and blades, and the barber is any one of the transients who happens to have a talent for cutting hair. Many of the men stopping there are licensed barbers. Fortunately, when one barber leaves, it is only a matter of one or two days until another man appears to replace him.



MISSION HEADQUARTERS - The Gospel Mission was formerly the old First Covenant Church on Walnut Street, but extensive improvements have been made to the structure since it was opened as a temporary home for transient men in 1958. The equip-

ment and building are now valued at \$60,000, with a balance of \$12,000 to be paid on the original building. The Mission is a community project governed by a board of 16 local church laymen and affiliated with the International Union of Gospel Mis-

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CHAPEL PROGRAMS - Hour-long services are conducted in the chapel of the Mis-

LOUNGE AREA — A place to gather and talk or to read a variety of magazines and newspapers is offered by the lounge located in the basement. Most of the furniture is worn, but the over-stuffed chairs and sofas still provide comfort to the men who have walked or hopped freight trains to get to the Mission. The sign in the background was painted by one of the talented travelers to proclaim the age of the establishment. Gelebrating another anniversary Feb. 11, the Mission can proudly paint the number "flow" in the variety sare.



CLOTHING ROOMS - All types of clothing from undergarments to hats are do nated to the Mission by church groups and interested individuals. The articles are usually clean when sent, and those too dirty are discarded. After mending, the clothing is stored on racks and shelves in the men's clothing room or in the room designated for women and children. Since the mission opened, more than 50,000 articles of clothing have been distallated. of clothing have been distributed.