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BALLOONS AWAY — More than 125 soaring helium-filled balloons released by the Sunday School children at Klamath Lutheran Church climaxed the annual Rally Day observance last Sunday. Each balloon was tagged with a return postcard giving the child's name and a blank for the finder to state where the balloon was found. On Oct. 13, prizes will be awarded to the Sunday School children whose balloons sailed the greatest distance. To date, several cards returned to the church show that some of the soaring objects made their way to the Mills Addition.

Sunday School Classes Too Brief For Adequate Religious Education

By LOUIS CASSELS

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You can't expect a child to learn much about the Christian faith in a class which meets for half an hour a week.

This hard truth is slowly impressing itself on the millions of families who rely on Sunday school to provide all or most of the religious training which their children receive.

The traditional Sunday school session is one hour long. But at least half of the time is taken up with a worship assembly, shuffling through hallways to classrooms, taking the roll, making announcements and other things that have little to do with systematic instruction.

What this means is stated succinctly by the Rev. Robert F. Parker of Philadelphia, a Christian education specialist of the Lutheran Church in America.

"A young person spends more time in one year studying arithmetic than he spends in five years of Sunday school classes," says the Rev. Mr. Parker.

Not Important Enough Under these circumstances, he finds it hardly surprising that "Christian training and experience gradually retire to a dusty corner of the child's thinking."

A variety of efforts are under-

way in major Protestant denominations to provide more time for religious education.

One possibility is to lengthen the Sunday morning session. The Episcopal Church has recommended a minimum of 90 minutes, and the United Presbyterian Church is urging all of its congregations to allocate at least 75 minutes for Sunday school.

But religious educators see little hope for a major breakthrough in this direction. Pastors find it difficult to fit a long Sunday school session into a morning schedule which is already complicated, in many cases, by the necessity of holding two adult worship services. And parents — especially those who regard Sunday school as an intrusion on their "morning to sleep" — are often unenthusiastic about longer sessions.

More Promising Trend A more promising trend, which has been developing in recent years, is to supplement Sunday school with one or two hours of "church school" on a weekday.

Sometimes this is done through an arrangement with public

Presbyterial Plans Made

The First Presbyterian Church will host the fall meeting of the Southwest Presbyterial on Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Churches in Tulelake, Merrill, Malin, Lakeview, and Klamath Falls will be represented at the meeting.

According to Mrs. Frances Miller, district president, the guest speaker at the afternoon session will be Mrs. Andrew Collier of Klamath Falls. Recently returned from a tour of Ethiopia and other African points, Mrs. Collier will present a program of slides and discuss the Presbyterian missions there.

The Presbyterial meeting, which will emphasize fellowship, will include class periods when the new material for next year's program will be distributed.

Reservations for the noon luncheon should be made no later than Monday, Sept. 16, by contacting the church office, TU 4-7781.

Malin Women Meet

MALIN—The Women's Association of the Malin Presbyterian Church met in regular session on Sept. 5. Business included a report on the recent women's retreat at Union Creek by Mrs. Halbert Wilson, president, and a discussion on the proposed rummage sale. No definite date was selected, but members voted to cancel the next regular meeting on Sept. 19 in order to sort and price rummage.

schools whereby children are released early at their parents' request. This is called "released time" and the Supreme Court has ruled that there is nothing unconstitutional about public schools cooperating with churches in this way.

No one has any reliable statistics on the number of children now attending weekday religious classes. The National Council of Churches guesses that of the 30 million school age children enrolled in Protestant Sunday schools, perhaps 4 million receive some weekday religious instruction. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, which provides religious classes for Catholic children attending public schools, estimates that about 3.5 million are under instruction in its classes, which usually meet either on a weekday or on Saturday morning.

Additional Summer Training Still another way to supplement the inadequate time span of Sunday school is to provide intensive religious educational experiences during the summer. This year more than 100,000 Protestant churches conducted "vacation church schools" or "vacation Bible schools." These summer schools usually are in session for three hours a day, five days a week, for two to four weeks. They provide more time for systematic religious training than is available during a whole year of Sunday school classes. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine also conducts "summer schools of religion" for Catholic children.

The consensus of Protestant and Catholic officials who are working with the problem is that adequate time for religious education of public school children can be found — if their parents really want it enough to give it at least as high a priority as music and dancing lessons, dental appointments and their own Saturday morning golf games.

Dunsmuir Priest Assigned To Red Bluff Church Post

DUNSMUIR—Monsignor James Casey, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church in Dunsmuir for the past 16 years, has been assigned to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Red Bluff by the Rt. Rev. Aiden Bell, bishop of the diocese of Sacramento.

A graduate of St. Patrick's Seminary in Ireland, Monsignor Casey has been in the United States since 1933. All of his priesthood in this country has been with the diocese of Sacramento.

Monsignor Casey served in Angel's Camp and Alturas, and in 1940 became editor of the Superior California Catholic Register. He served in this capacity until his assignment to Dunsmuir in 1947.

Annual CCD Rally Slated

The annual rally for adult members of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of Sacred Heart Parish will be held in the parish hall at Eighth and High streets on Saturday, Sept. 14, beginning at 6 p.m.

The rally will open with a potluck dinner, and those attending are requested to bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert. Following dinner, Msgr. T. P. Casey, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, will give a brief talk on the C. C. D. program.

Other speakers will be James O'Donnell, C. C. D. high school discussion club supervisor; Mrs. Otto Smith of the Catholic Daughters of America; and W. S. Heilmann of the Knights of Columbus and Holy Name Society. They will discuss the role their organizations play in the Confraternity program.

At the conclusion of the rally teaching awards will be presented to five members. Mrs. Keith Walrath will receive a 10-year pin, and Della McGrath, Mrs. Herbert Boettcher, Mrs. Richard Zweiner, and Mrs. O'Donnell will receive five-year pins.

A social hour with choice of card games is planned after the meeting.

Methodists To Be Feted

New members of the First Methodist Church within the past year will be honored with a reception on Thursday evening, Sept. 19, from 7:30 to 9. All church members and friends of the honorees are invited to attend.

Arrangements for the reception are being made by the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Chairmen of the various committees are Mrs. Phelps, flowers; Waunda Shaver, Carolyn Sanders, and Pat Erbes, entertainment; Irene Thompson and Margaret Stippich, refreshments; and Leoline Cowman, Mildred Dressler, and Ella Dickinson, calling.

OLD CHURCH

BRANTFORD, Ont. (UPI) — Canada's oldest Protestant Church, near here, has many historic relics of the conversion to the Christian faith of America's first residents, the Mohawk Indians.

There is a Bible presented in 1712 by Queen Anne. There are tablets with the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed inscribed in Mohawk.



WELCOMING TEA — Assisting with preparations for the third annual "Teachers Welcoming Tea" are the presidents of the two sponsoring organizations, Mrs. Lewis Stork of the United Church Women and Rev. Quinn Hawley of the Klamath Council of Churches. The tea, honoring all local school personnel, will be held Sunday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church.

Council Tea To Honor Klamath Area Teachers

"It is a grand opportunity for the Klamath Council of Churches to pay tribute to our public school system and to acknowledge the teaching profession's contribution to our community," said Rev. Quinn Hawley in discussing the annual teachers' welcoming tea.

Sponsored by the Council of Churches and the United Church Women, the tea honors teachers, maintenance personnel, cafeteria employees, board members, and principals of all public schools in the Klamath Falls area, as well as members of the Oregon Technical Institute faculty.

Reverend Hawley, president of the council, said the affair also serves a second purpose of giving the teachers a chance to meet each other in an informal atmosphere. Now in its third year, the tea has already become a traditional fall event.

More than 700 invitations have been issued for this year's welcoming tea which will be held Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Frank Peyton is the general chairman.

Ministers and their wives from the council's member churches will serve as official hosts and hostesses, but the pastors of all local churches have been invited to welcome the school personnel.

Greeting the guests will be Rev. and Mrs. Quinn Hawley, Congregational; Rev. and Mrs. Warren W. Pechman, Hope Lutheran; Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm Unseth, Klamath Lutheran; Rev. and Mrs. Robert Groves, First Presbyterian; Rev. and Mrs. Laing Sibbet, Peace Memorial Presbyterian; Rev. and Mrs. Harlan Brooks, Church of the Brethren; Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Richardson, First Methodist; Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. John, First Christian; Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Greene, St. Paul's Episcopal; and Chaplain and Mrs. William A. Thoreson, Kingsley Field Chapel.

Representatives of local church women's societies will assist in pouring. They include Mrs. Walter Smith, Mrs. Ronald Harless, Mrs. Richard Hessig, Mrs. Paul Jones, Mrs. John Phillips, Mrs. Ronald Kinmark, Mrs. Loyal Lust, Mrs. George May, Mrs. William R. Pierson, Mrs. Marguerite

Parish Gets New Pastor

TULELAKE — In ceremonies conducted on Aug. 18, Rev. Walter M. Holton was installed as the new pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Tulelake. He was formerly associated with Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Paterson, Calif., where he served as minister for nine years.

Born in Iowa, Rev. Holton was graduated from St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minn., and Luther Theological Seminary in Springfield and Black Duck, Minn.

Prior to the arrival of Rev. and Mrs. Holton, who is also a graduate of St. Olaf College, the Tulelake congregation purchased its first parsonage. Although the church retains the status of a mission parish, a lot has also been purchased and plans are nearly completed for the construction of a new church edifice, said Rev. Holton.

The former pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Rev. Robert G. Hovland, has retired from the ministry and now resides at his home in Palo Alto. He was with the parish for two years.

Group Dates Bazaar

The Presbyterian Women's Association of the First Presbyterian Church has scheduled its annual bazaar on Nov. 23. Articles for the bazaar may be left at the church office, labeled with the donor's name. Further details are to be announced.

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Salem Pastor To Conduct Mission Emphasis Service

Rev. Emil H. Becker will be guest speaker at the Zion Lutheran Church annual Mission Festival Worship on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 11 a.m.

A graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Reverend Becker is serving the Institutional Mission in Salem, Ore. In this position, he is concerned with the spiritual welfare of Lutherans at the State Hospital, Fairview Home, Tuberculosis Hospital, Correctional Institution, and two Salem hospitals. He also serves as chaplain at the Willamette Lutheran Homes.

Rev. Norman E. Dey, Zion Lutheran pastor, reports that Reverend Becker's theme for the mission service will be "A Letter and Its Lessons." Special music

Quartet Set For Concert

"The Mississippians," a quartet headed by T. J. Pruitt, will return to the First Methodist Church on Sunday, Sept. 15, to sing at both the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services. The quartet first appeared at the church around six months ago.

Considered one of the outstanding jubilee groups, the Mississippians sing many of the favorite spirituals of the Negro race. Also featured are readings by Mr. Pruitt.

The public is invited to attend either service. Rev. Ralph Richardson's sermon topic will be "To a Young Couple Headed for Deep Trouble."

will include a selection by the Zion Women's Chorus, "From All That Dwell Below The Skies." Zion Lutheran, through its affiliation with the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church, regularly supports missions all over the world, once a year on Mission Sunday, a special opportunity is emphasized for church members to recognize and contribute to the mission program.

A noon fellowship dinner will be served in the parish hall fol-



REV. EMIL H. BECKER

lowing the worship service. Mrs. Robert Rutter, Mrs. Everett Biehn, Mrs. Earl Burwell, Mrs. Allen Hanneman, Mrs. Glen Hoppel, and Mrs. Henry Leitzke will be in charge of the dinner, and high school members will assist with the serving.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

A Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass., 10th and Washington Streets: Sunday Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Evening Testimony Meeting 8:00 O'Clock Lesson-Sermon Subject September 15, 1963 "SUBSTANCE"

Golden Text: 11 Corinthians 9:8. God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. Nursery facilities available during church services.



LENORE D. HANKS

Public Talk Set Tuesday

"Who are you?" is the question to be explored in a public talk by Lenore D. Hanks, a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Sponsored by the local First Church of Christ, Scientist, Mrs. Hanks will speak at 8 p.m. in the Fremont School Auditorium, 715 High. Her theme will be man's discovery of his spiritual identity under God, with the lecture entitled, "Do You Know Who You Really Are?"

Mrs. Hanks is a native of Portland and was graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in sociology. Her father helped to establish Portland's First Church of Christ, Scientist, which she has attended since childhood.

Appointed to the Christian Science Board of Lectureship in June, Mrs. Hanks has been an authorized teacher and practitioner of Christian Science for the past several years.

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