

Local Camp Hosts Oregon Gideons Convention And International Head

The Klamath Falls Camp of the Gideons International is host for more than 200 Oregon State Gideons at the organization's annual three-day convention which opened today at the Winema Hotel.

One of the largest individual purchasers of Bibles and the oldest interdenominational laymen's evangelistic association in the world, Gideons was founded on July 1, 1899, in Janesville, Wis., by three Christian traveling salesmen. The original purpose was a Christian fellowship and evangelistic effort in behalf of other traveling men.

At the Gideons national convention in Nashville, Tenn., in 1908, the members decided to place the Holy Bible in hotel guest rooms throughout the country. This action was generally met with ridicule, and many people questioned the length of time the Bibles would remain in the rooms.

In November of that year, the Gideons of Montana placed Bibles in a hotel in Iron Mountain (now Superior), and the work was later extended to include motels, prisons, and hospitals. The organization has found that the average life of a Bible in one room is about eight years.

In 1941, during national preparations for defense, the Gideons were permitted through the United States Army and Navy chaplains to supply the armed forces with service testaments. Testaments have been presented to school children, with written permission from parents, since 1937.

Membership in Gideons is open to any business or professional man who is an active member of a New Testament church. Prospective members must also have a recommendation from their minister.

The Bible work of the Gideons is supported through the free-will offerings of members, interested individuals, and churches, with the primary source of income from members and churches. All money received is used for Bibles and testaments, as the members must pay their own expenses in connection with Gideon activities, including the travel expenses of the international cabinet and local officers.

Gideon work has spread throughout the world, and the membership has grown to approximately 20,000 men in 62 nations. An affiliated women's auxiliary, composed of the wives of Gideon members, supports the men's organization and presents white testaments to nurses.

More than 60 million copies of the Bible have been distributed by the Gideons since the practice was initiated. Bibles placed in public facilities remain the property of the Gideons, but those distributed to servicemen, nurses, and school children are considered as gifts. Individual members may also purchase gift Bibles for ministers.

The local Gideon Camp has eight members who meet every Saturday morning for a prayer breakfast. Two business meetings are held each month, one for the cabinet officers and the second for the camp and auxiliary.

The recently elected officers, who will be installed following the convention, are Maynard Ellis, president; Eddie Steele, vice president; E. V. Zell, secretary; Bud Page, treasurer; J. P. Sexton, Bible secretary; and C. R. Larson, chaplain. As the retiring president, Larson is acting as chairman of arrangements for the convention.

The convention kicked off with a luncheon at 12 noon today and will continue in session through Saturday to discuss the work in this state. A luncheon for the women's auxiliary will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Texas Pastor Fills First Baptist Post

The First Baptist Church will welcome its new minister, Rev. Nolan M. Kennedy, and Mrs. Kennedy on Sunday, Sept. 22.

Active in the ministry for 29 years, he comes to Klamath Falls from Amarillo, Tex., where he was pastor of the San Jacinto Baptist Church for 12 years.

Open House Dated

An "open house" will be sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America for all Catholic women in the Klamath Basin on Monday, Sept. 23, at 8 p.m. in the Sacred Heart parish hall. All members are asked to invite newcomers in their parish and other non-members of the organization.

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 Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Evening Testimony Meeting 8:00 O'Clock
 Lesson-Sermon Subject September 22, 1963
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Golden Text: Matthew 6:24. No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
 Nursery facilities available during church services.

International President Jacob Stamm, an attorney from Paterson, N.J., will be the featured speaker at the banquet slated Saturday evening at 6:30 in the hotel ballroom. Bibles for a number of hotels and testaments for servicemen will be dedicated, and testaments will be presented to the Kingsley Field chaplain during the program. A special exhibit of flags from each country where the Gideons have worked will also be on display.

On Sunday morning the Gideons will speak in many of the churches in this area, returning to the hotel for the final luncheon session at 1 p.m.

The public is invited to attend any of the convention meetings. Ellis said. Further information or reservations for the luncheon or banquet may be obtained by calling TU 4-6083.

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Society's 'Use' Of Church Pulpit For Promotion Attracts Criticism

By ROBERT M. ANDREWS

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 Boy Scouts in the basement, fund-raising notices in the church bulletin, sermons on highway safety from the pulpit.

Is the church becoming the captive of the society it set out to free?

More and more people are asking that nagging question today, and the answer is difficult to find.

One who tried is Ross Coggins, associate secretary of the Southern Baptist contention's Christian Life Commission.

Coggins found that churches are clearly "useful" to many forces in society.

He said the Texas state AFL-CIO, for example, recently mailed a Labor Day message to Baptist pastors with the request that it be "read in the churches."

The National Association of Manufacturers, through a "clergy-industry relations department" publishes a monthly newsletter

Post Parade Coffee Set

All ministers in the Klamath Basin are invited to attend a coffee at the Winema Hotel on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 2:30 p.m. to discuss plans for the 1963 Herald and News Christmas parade.

Open to every church group in the area, the parade is an annual event which was initiated two years ago. It is designed to emphasize the real significance of the Christmas season with religious-themed floats.

Other church representatives may attend the meeting in the absence of the minister.

Hope Plans For Hunters

With the approach of the hunting season, Hope Lutheran Church has planned a special "Hunters Service" on the Thursday preceding the general opening of the season.

Rev. Warren W. Pechman, pastor, invites all who are interested in hunting to attend the service at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 26. He will speak on the subject of "Hitting the Mark."

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Missionary Launches 'New' Ministry

After spending more than 30 years as missionaries to India, Rev. and Mrs. Harlan Brooks returned to the United States to begin a new career with a home pastor.

Their ministry here was officially opened on Aug. 18 when he was installed as pastor of the local Church of the Brethren by Rev. William Wash of Medford, chairman of the District Ministerial Board.

Both Reverend and Mrs. Brooks worked in churches and schools during India's struggle for independence and in the years since the country became a republic. Serving primarily in Bombay State, they were able to observe the movement toward Christianity and the progress made in the field of education over a 30-year period.

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MEMORIES OF INDIA — The recently installed pastor of the Church of the Brethren, Rev. Harlan Brooks, and his wife have many souvenirs to remind them of their former work in India. The sari which Mrs. Brooks occasionally wore, the water birds made of milk buffalo horns, the ivory inlaid handkerchief box, and the Kashmir table are only a few of the articles collected in the 30 years they spent as missionaries in the Bombay State area.

illiterate jungle hamlets to the mission boarding schools located near the central church in Vyara, near Surat, the minister said, and boys who had never held a hammer or a needle learned to become skilled carpenters, tailors, or amateur gardeners. He recalled one instance when the boys used prize seed corn from America to produce ears that were the wonder of the nearby towns.

Through mission school training, many boys are prepared to teach in their native villages and others are qualified for positions as policemen, forest officers, ministers, or government employees. Girls receive training in home-making, teaching, social welfare work, and nursing, according to Reverend Brooks.

To insure each student a useful trade, carpentry and agriculture are required subjects at the mission schools, in addition to required Bible study. The success of the religious influence of the church schools is reflected in the growing number of Christians who received their formal education from such institutions. Reverend Brooks points out that today an estimated 70 per cent of India's nurses are Christian.

Although he spent many years working with the elementary and high school programs, Reverend Brooks was also associated with education on a college level.

For nearly three years he served as principal of the Brethren's Teacher and Vocational Training College in Anklesvar, Bombay State, teaching Bible and social and economic problems, and was a charter member of

the constitution-making committee for the Gujarat United School of Theology.

Established around 18 years ago, the theology school is a cooperative venture of the Irish Presbyterians, American Methodists, and Church of the Brethren. Its students are required to have completed high school and two years of college teacher training.

Acquiring a fluent knowledge of the Gujarati language, Reverend Brooks spent a great deal of time translating and writing booklets in that language. The booklets carried a religious and village betterment theme for both Christians and non-Christians. One of his writings was concerned with the use of milk goats, as many of the villagers knew nothing about the value of milk to supplement their diets.

Serving a church as a full-time pastor will not be a new experience for Reverend Brooks. Before accepting a call to the foreign mission field, he held pastorates in Chicago, Ill.; Chico, Calif.; and Sunnyslope, Wenatchee, Wash. He also was an instructor in Bible at LaVerne College, LaVerne, Calif., and in history and sociology at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania.

A graduate of Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind., Reverend Brooks has studied at Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago and the University of Chicago. He holds an M.A. in religious education from Northwestern University and an M.Th. from the University of California.

Mrs. Brooks was graduated from Bethany Biblical Seminary and received an M.A. in education from Manchester College. She taught in the Normal Training Department at Manchester and also supervised a girls' boarding school in India.

Reverend and Mrs. Brooks have traveled around the globe three times, recording their experiences with colored slides. They have two daughters, one of whom is currently serving in missionary work with her family in India. The second daughter and her husband spent four years in Tokyo, Japan, where he opened the Brethren Service Work, and they are now engaged in pastoral work in Maryland.

Retired Pastor To Return To Former Parish Sunday

Rev. Dr. J. Henry Thomas, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 1925 to 1930, will visit his former pastorate as the guest speaker this Sunday. Now in retirement, he resides in San Mateo, Calif.

Serving St. Paul's when the present church structure was built, Reverend Thomas also began the Episcopal missionary work in Langel Valley. He is returning to this area to officiate at the wedding of his granddaughter in St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Langel Valley, on Saturday.

The entire Sunday will be turned over to Reverend Thomas, according to St. Paul's rector, Rev. Robert L. Greene. He will celebrate Holy Communion at 8 a.m., speak to the adult class at 9:15 a.m., and deliver the sermon at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Society Slates Opening Social

The LDS First Ward Relief Society will hold its opening social for the 1963-64 season on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 10 a.m. in the church cultural hall.

Entertainment, luncheon, and a brief preview of the theology, literature, and social science lessons is planned. Child care will be provided.

Today and Saturday, the Relief Society is sponsoring a baked food sale and bazaar at the Safeway Store, Eighth and Pine, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to favorite delicacies from Mormon kitchens, handmade quilts and organza roses are featured items.

Speaker Set For Services

Rev. Fred Summers of Pineville, La., will be the speaker at the combined evangelistic services planned by the Lakeside Church of the Nazarene and the Weaver Memorial Pilgrim Holiness Church Sept. 22-23. Lakeside Nazarene will be host for the services.

A graduate of McNeese State College in Lake Charles, La., Rev. Summers has held pastorates in both the Southern Methodist and Pilgrim Holiness churches. For the last two years he has been engaged only in the evangelistic field.

The services will be conducted each evening at 7:30, with special music presented by local talent.

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Revival Led By Methodist

A second week of revival services is being conducted at the Faith Tabernacle, 2610 Shasta Way, with Dr. Royce A. Collier of Texas as the guest speaker.

The public is invited to attend the two daily services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and a special service at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Rev. Eddie J. Bigby, pastor, said the afternoon service will be directed to all people of all faiths.

Dr. Collier, a Methodist, travels an average of 40,000 miles a year across the country as a revival speaker. He and his wife, who accompanies him, are also known for their presentation of gospel songs and music.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

One of the darkest passages in the New Testament is found in the sixth chapter of John: "From that time many of the disciples went back, and walked no more with him." However, it serves as an introduction to one of the most inspiring statements in the Bible: Jesus asked the twelve, "Will ye also go away?" The reply of Simon Peter will live forever. He said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." In that day, in our day, and in all time to come, Jesus our Saviour is the only one who possesses the words of life.

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