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One Of Area's Largest Churches Revamped

The organization of one of the largest churches in Klamath Falls, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was officially revamped on Nov. 3 to carry out the work more effectively.

On that date, the division of the First and Second Wards—to create a Third Ward—was completed. Each ward now has approximately 430 to 450 members.

The seemingly complicated reorganization process was accomplished by placing some 150 members of the First Ward into the Second Ward, with around 300 members of the Second Ward remaining stationary. The balance of the Second Ward membership then became known as the Third Ward. Residential boundaries determine the ward to which members belong.

The bishops of the church were also shifted by the division. Bishop David J. Davis, formerly head of the First Ward, is now with the Second Ward; and Bishop George Shaffer Jr. of the Second Ward has taken over the leadership of the new Third Ward. Jack C. Morgan, a counselor to Bishop Davis for the past two years, was appointed bishop of the First Ward.

For the present time, all three wards will use the church building on Home and Martin by alternating schedules. Future plans include constructing a new ward meeting hall, large enough to serve as a Stake House for quarterly conferences of the Klamath Stake. One ward would then move to the new building, and two would continue to meet in the present church structure, which was erected after World War II and later enlarged.

Appointed by the First Presidency of the LDS Church, Salt Lake City, on the recommendation of the Stake President and sustained in his office by the local membership, Bishop Morgan will perform the duties of his office for an indefinite time.

Other church personnel affected by the division include the teachers and officers. In most instances they are still holding their former positions, but it has been necessary to call many new persons to service.

Named to work closely with Bishop Morgan are Kurt V. Fiedler, First Counselor; Gordon M. Hicks, Second Counselor; and David Jensen, Ward Clerk. These ward leaders were selected

and was appointed bishop in November, 1960. He was born in Franklin, Idaho, and moved with his family to Butte, Mont., as a young child. He resides at 4033 Bristol Avenue with his wife and three children.

Bishop Davis, the principal of Lucile O'Neil School, is also the father of three children. The family home is at 1010 Washburn Way. A native of Idaho, he moved to Klamath Falls from Salt Lake City in 1953, and received his bishop's appointment in August, 1959.

National Council Slates Meet On Enlarging Role

By ROBERT M. ANDREWS
United Press International

The General Assembly of the National Council of Churches gathers in Philadelphia this weekend to try to find ways for the church to play a greater role in the decision-making on critical national and world issues.

The assembly, governing body of the biggest religious organization in the United States, is expected to draw 5,000 top clerical and lay leaders for the week-long session, starting Sunday night (Dec. 1).

The council is a fellowship of 31 major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches in America, representing 40 million churchgoers.

The assembly's discussions, aimed at the man and woman in the pew, will focus on local church unity and the ministry

of the layman. It is expected to take a public stand on civil rights, among other issues.

The late President Kennedy was to have addressed the assembly in Philadelphia's Constitution Hall Tuesday night. On that night, the Rev. De. Eugene Carson Blake, chief executive officer of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., will conduct a special worship service in Kennedy's memory. The Philadelphia Orchestra will play.

The Roman Catholic Church is sending five observers to the assembly sessions.

America's churches have been traditionally exempt from taxation in accordance with the principle of separation of church and state. One church in Des Moines, Iowa, has decided it wants to pay something for the services for which others are taxed.

Central Presbyterian Church voted recently to donate up to \$4,000 a year to the city of Des Moines, an amount about equal to the congregation's share of the cost of streets, public safety, and sanitation.

The program included a short skit and several games, with Bob Dorch winning the costume prize for his best costume. Refreshments and decorations were provided by E. V. Zell.

Holiday Event Attended By 40

Some 40 persons were present for the all-church Halloween party held Nov. 2 in Faith Hall, by the Immanuel Baptist Church congregation. Special guests were 14 foreign students who are attending Oregon Technical Institute.

The program included a short skit and several games, with Bob Dorch winning the costume prize for his best costume. Refreshments and decorations were provided by E. V. Zell.

Film Made By Graham

Evangelist Billy Graham addresses the generation growing up in the shadow of the atomic cloud in his newest feature motion picture, "Touch of Brass," which will be shown at the Bible Baptist Church, 2244 Ward, on Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

For this presentation, Graham's producing organization, World Wide Pictures, took its sound-color cameras to the homes, factories, and places of amusement in Manchester, England, where the story of a working man's family takes place. The cast was drawn from the locale.

Scheduled with the motion picture is a musical featurette, "To God Be the Glory," which features the talent of the Billy Graham platform team: Cliff Barrows, song leader and master of ceremonies; George Beverly Shea, internationally known base baritone soloist; Tedd Smith and Don Hastad at piano and organ; and the voices of the Christianaires Choir.

A unique highlight is a "sing along" segment in which the audience participates as Cliff Barrows conducts.

He has stated that he "regretfully leaves a warm and friendly city which has done so much to make me and my family feel at home."

The Hawleys will join the staff of the Portland church at the beginning of the year.

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BISHOP'S APPOINTMENT—The recent division of the First and Second Wards of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to create a Third Ward also created an opening for a third bishop. Receiving the appointment as head of the First Ward was Jack C. Morgan, a past counselor in the local church, who poses here with his family. From left are Bishop Morgan; Clark, 3; Cliff, 1½; Mrs. Donna Morgan, and Suzanne, 4.

University Of Roberts All Modern

By GEORGE RHOADES
TULSA, Okla. (UPI)—Evangelist Oral Roberts preaches the old-time gospel. But the university his organization is building on the outskirts of Tulsa will be super-modern, pushbutton, and designed for the Space Age.

Giant computer-brains, loaded with information from a 500,000-volume library, will be able to scan, retrieve, and record data for students in minutes.

Dormitory rooms and faculty homes will be equipped with closed-circuit television sets, earphones, and a dial system connected with a complicated, electric "learning sources center."

Students will be able to dial this center, report what is wanted on individual television sets or earphones and have it piped right into their rooms.

Dr. O. R. Corvin, chancellor of the school to be known as the Oral Roberts University, said even the dining room tables will be designed to aid students in their pursuit of knowledge.

"The tables will be hexagon shape to encourage discussion and stimulate the art of conversation," he said. "We are creating a learning situation here. We want the student to be able to learn from the time he awakens in the morning until he falls asleep at night."

Corvin says the university will be a fully-accredited liberal arts school, eventually enrolling 3,000 students in a \$50 million educational plan.

Association Elects Four

Four new officers of the Modoc Association were elected at the second annual meeting held Nov. 8-9 in the First Baptist Church at Lakeview.

Rev. Victor Waddle, pastor of the Newell Baptist Church, was elected moderator for the coming year, with Rev. Marvin Jones, pastor of the Adin First Baptist Church, as vice moderator.

Dottie McGinnis of Bible Baptist Church will serve as secretary-treasurer, and Rev. John Fenderson, assistant pastor of Bible Baptist, will be the trustee to represent the association on the State Board of the Conservative Baptist Association.

The next meeting of the Modoc Association was scheduled Nov. 13-14, 1964, at the Newell Baptist Church in Tulelake. The organization is composed of seven Conservative Baptist churches in this area.

Board Elects Dr. F. Schmitt

Dr. Freeman F. Schmitt, pastor of the Bible Baptist Church, was elected as Western regional representative to the Conservative Baptist Home Missionary Society Board at a meeting of the Western Regionals held recently in Salem.

He will take office next May at the national meetings slated in Long Beach, Calif.

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WARD REORGANIZATION—Two prominent figures in the LDS Church who are directly concerned with the creation of an additional ward are Bishop David J. Davis, formerly of the First Ward, left, and Bishop George Shaffer Jr., formerly of the Second Ward. Bishop Davis now leads the Second Ward and Bishop Shaffer leads the new Third Ward. The division of the wards was deemed necessary when the membership became too large to carry out the work effectively.

Doctor Reports Natives Worship Money, Power

By ROBERT M. ANDREWS
United Press International

Missionaries in Africa once fought to lead natives out of the jungle of superstition and pagan ritual. Now, it seems, the notion of the "white man's magic" has backfired and the missionaries are fighting new African gods of money and power.

So reports Dr. L. Harold DeWolfe, professor of systematic theology at Boston University. He recently returned from a 12,000-mile tour of central Africa for the World Council of Churches.

Since his last previous trip to Africa in 1955, Dr. DeWolfe reports, there has been an alarming shift toward selfishness and materialism among Africans. This threatens not only the missionary effort but responsible government in newly independent nations, he says.

The theologian attributes this new feeling to increasing industrialization and urbanization.

First Reaction Astonishment
"More and more Africans, many of whom had never seen so much as a wheel before, were suddenly exposed to the miracles of an industrial economy, such as skyscrapers, planes, trains and automobiles," Dr. DeWolfe explained in a report.

Their first reaction was a sort of Alice-in-wonderland astonishment and a belief in the powers of the white man. This belief certainly did not stunt the growth of missions, Dr. DeWolfe notes.

"At first, the Africans associated all these wonders with adherence to Christianity," he

said. "They thought that conversion to the white man's religion would bring an instant shower of material wealth."

Inevitably, disillusionment set in.

"Many of the Africans began to see that not only did Christianity guarantee instant affluence and power, but that many who believed in no god at all made out quite well, by good luck or hard work," said Dr. DeWolfe.

Improve Ministers Education
"Now, instead of the earlier threat of the primitive religions, ironically, the missionary movement has to contend with selfishness and materialism born of exposure to a civilized society."

Community leaders are more often now to be better educated and better paid teachers instead of ministers, he reported. The frequent lack of responsible leadership has left the people more vulnerable to demagogic appeals by "reckless adventurers" among African politicians, he said.

One of the churches' solutions, Dr. DeWolfe suggested, would be to improve the education of future ministers, including social studies and philosophy courses to help them understand "what, in addition to brains and money, goes into making a strong society."

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Let us remember that in spite of all the talk about the space age, most of us are earth bound. We still have to walk. Consequently, may each of us have the good sense to do the best we can, the faith to walk with God and the inclination to leave the rest with Him.
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CHAPLAIN ARRIVES—The first full-time Catholic chaplain assigned to Kingsley Field, Chaplain Francis J. Bartos, arrived two weeks ago to serve the Catholic community on the base. A member of the Air Force for five years, he holds the rank of captain.

Kingsley Field Receives New Catholic Chaplain

Kingsley Field's first full-time Catholic chaplain, Chaplain (Capt.) Francis J. Bartos, arrived on base Nov. 17. He will assume the duties performed for the past four years by Rev. George A. Murphy, pastor of St. Pius X Catholic Church who has served as the Catholic auxiliary chaplain.

Chaplain (Capt.) William A. Thoresen will remain the base chaplain and head of the Protestant program. The new chaplain will assist him with administrative duties, as well as developing and broadening the services for the Catholic community at Kingsley.

Before coming here, Chaplain Bartos was assigned to the Toul-Rosieres Air Base, 188 miles northeast of Paris, France. He has been a member of the Air Force for five years.

A base-community reception has been planned in honor of the Catholic chaplain and Reverend Murphy on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the chapel annex. The event is sponsored by Our Lady's Circle, assisted by the Holy Name Society and the Protestant Women of the Chapel.

Chaplain Bartos was also welcomed with a parish reception on Nov. 24, arranged by the Holy Name Society.

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