

Children and Adults Celebrate at School

Approximately 50 children plus adults attended the Halloween party at the Birkenfeld Community Center Thursday evening. Games were given out for the different ages and refreshments were served after games were played. As the youngsters were leaving they were given treats.

Wayne Kyser accompanied by Charles Ramsey to Vernonia to take the lesson on creation with moves. Wednesday, Kyser was in Fern Hill to visit Mrs. Bob Skeons.

Norman Hansen was around today gathering information for school census. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen were in Astoria Thursday where Hansen was stylist for a jewelry store.

Clarence Kyser and Mrs. Dale and children were in Longview today to have Jan checked for troubles.

Hudson Returns To Work Monday

Henry Hudson returned to work at the county assessor's office Monday after his tractor accident and recovery. He will work in the office until able to return to regular work.

Mrs. S. E. McCoy and Mrs. E. Mitchell visited her mother, Mrs. Mitchell Sunday. Another daughter, Mrs. Emmett Smith visited Wednesday.

Grace Peachey returned home Monday after spending a week visiting relatives in Prineville, Bend and Her nephew and wife, Mr. Calvin Sherman of Bend, on her on the trip and brought her by way of the coast highway to Reedsport to Tillamook.

Ernest Goodman and a friend of his brother, Richard Good-

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Second Monday of Each Month
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Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month
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First and Third Tuesday 8 P.M.
Thomas Hall, Noble Grand
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Gutha Horn, Noble Grand
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VERNONIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Board of Directors report to members quarterly. Board meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, 8:00 p.m., at West Oregon Electric office. Visitors invited.
Guy I. Thomas, President
Mrs. Evelyn Heath, Secy. 7-65

Church Slates Special Series

A series of special meetings at the Evangelical United Brethren church will start Tuesday, November 10, when Rev. James Biesel, minister and ventriloquist, is guest speaker, according to Raymond P. Targgart, pastor of the church.

Other scheduled speakers are as follows: Wednesday, November 11, Rev. Robert Bletscher, pastor of the Lents EUB church; Thursday, November 12, Rev. Robert Day, pastor of the Wichita EUB church; Friday, November 13, Rev. Robert Wetzel, pastor of the Mocks Crest EUB church; Saturday, November 14, Rev. Robert Morris, pastor of the First EUB church, Portland; Sunday, November 15, Rev. V. A. Ballantyne, district superintendent for EUB churches in this area.

All services are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

Farewell Party Honors Mulkeys

A farewell party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mulkey was held Saturday evening, October 24 at the Bill Mulkey home. There were about 75 guests who came and went during the evening. There were refreshments and dancing. The Mulkeys have owned and operated the gas station and store at the Timber-Vernonia junction for the past year. Last week Mr. and Mrs. Jim Young of Portland purchased the business which will open under the new management November 1. The Mulkeys purchased a store in Portland located at Portland Boulevard and Denver Avenue. They moved their trailer house to Burlington last Tuesday and will commute from there to the store. The Youngs moved their trailer house the same day onto the lot vacated by the Mulkeys.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kelly and family went to Portland Sunday evening to take Karen McIlraith home. She spent the week end here baby sitting while the Kellys were on a hunting trip.

Bible Study Series Continued by Guild

The EUB Guild met Tuesday evening, October 20 at the home of Mrs. Larry Sutton and heard a very interesting lesson presented by Mrs. Darrold Proehl. This was the second in the series of studies on the old testament book of Joshua for which the study book, Victorious Christian Living, is being used.

The study will be continued by Mrs. E. E. Garner at the next meeting, November 17, at the home of Mrs. Carl Holsey.

Cake Brought For Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parkinen of Portland were recent visitors at the H. M. Reynolds home. Mrs. Parkinen is the former Minnie Enneberg. They lived in the locality about 24 years ago. Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Armour Reynolds, Longview, Washington, were at the Reynolds home with a birthday cake to help Mr. Reynolds celebrate his birthday. Week end guests were Robert Doty and Larry Hoffman of Portland.

Carl Schaumburg visited at the Dorsey Tuttle home and with Mrs. Ella Knowles during the week. He is doing some painting for the Ray Garlocks while here. The Garlock home has taken on a new look with green siding on the outside.

About 25 youngsters were out Halloween night trick or treating in various costumes.

Mrs. Howard Grimsbo, Raymond and Kathy were in Forest Grove Saturday attending the Pacific University homecoming activities.

A nice crowd turned out Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Bud Hemeon, when she was hostess for a Judy Lee jewelry party. Mrs. Norman Hansen is the representative for the area.

Mrs. Maude Rogers returned home Monday after spending some time with her daughter at Albany.

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Church Influence on Community Noted by Local Minister Group

(Editors note: The Vernonia Ministerial Association presents this article written by one of its members as an evaluation of the influence of the church in the community.)

THE INFLUENCE OF THE CHURCH

By Rev. Raymond P. Targgart

It is very difficult to evaluate the influence of the church in a community. One of the most effective ways to do this would be that of discontinuing all activities of the church, Sunday school, young peoples' meetings and listening to any religious broadcast on radio and TV for a period of two years, in any given community.

There are very few people who would care to live in a community, city or country where there were no churches. One is not always conscious of all the comforts and conveniences of his home until it has been destroyed by fire, wind or earthquake. When this takes place he is suddenly conscious of the value of the fellowship of their companions until one of them is taken. So it is with the church and all of its accompanying activities. We are not fully appreciative of its presence and availability until it no longer exists. So much for the negative side of the question.

Statistics are many times very dry and uninteresting but they do give a comparative view of this influence in a most graphic manner. From the most reliable records available, it is disclosed that 90 percent of the men behind prison bars today are from homes of non-church-going people. When one girl 16 years of age was brought before a juvenile judge he remarked, "Why did not the parents of this girl keep her in Sunday school. Sunday school girls seldom come to see me."

Of 2700 boys brought before one judge, only a very small percentage of them had been regular attendants at any Sunday school. Of 1700 boys brought before another judge only one had come from a home where family worship was observed.

The American Sunday School Union, which has been in existence for almost 150 years, makes this statement and uses it occasionally in a slogan, "Bring up a child in Sunday school and he won't be brought up in court." Somebody has very aptly stated, "Make good use of the little

red chair in Sunday school and the authorities will not have to use the electric chair."

There are 6,000,000 criminals listed in the department of justice in Washington, D.C. Not many of these will be found enrolled as devoted attendants of Sunday school and church. According to reliable sources more than 90 percent of the boys and girls who attend Sunday school regularly never get into serious trouble. Of the 100 robberies, 100 burglaries, 500 auto thefts, and 2500 larcenies which are committed each day, few are committed by regular attendants at Sunday school and church.

The following statistics taken from the records of two families involved give a vivid picture of the church's influence. Several generations ago there lived in the state of New York a man and his wife who had nothing to do with the church and its activities nor its author, God; they were atheists. After several generations had passed a study was made of over a thousand descendants of this couple. There were 300 who died prematurely, 100 were sent to penal institutions for an average of 13 years each; 150 were public prostitutes, 100 were drunkards. They cost the state of New York, \$1,200,000 in crimes committed.

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In the same state lived a godly man and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Jonathan Edwards. A study was made of over 700 of their descendants with these findings: 300 were ministers of the gospel, 65 were college professors, 13 were university presidents, 60 were authors of good books and of all the others only one was found with a questionable character. They cost the state nothing for crimes; on the other hand, they were making constructive contributions to society.

Jim and I were pals, close pals of the David and Jonathan type, but we were sinners, away from God, in our early twenties. In the providence of God I was led into a camp meeting conducted by the church. There I was converted and have just completed 47 years of service for God. Jim missed the trail, (got into the wrong crowd) became a bootlegger and a thief. In trying to make a fast get-away one night after a robbery, he ran into the back end of a truck with his old jalopy and was killed instantly. Had Jim been as fortunate as I, there might have been recorded 94 years of service for the Lord instead of 47.

Only God can possibly know the entire influence of the church upon a community.

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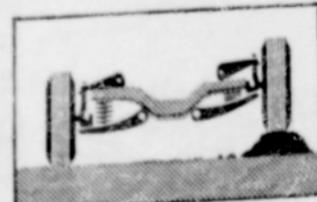
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