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Rev. Crenshaw Delivers Address At Masonic Picnic

The Rev. Claire T. Crenshaw, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church of Nyssa was principal speaker at the annual Masonic picnic held at Vale last Sunday afternoon. Excerpts from his address follow.

"It is fitting to have a clergyman speak today because of the religious nature of the Masonic movement. Pitting to have an Episcopal clergyman speak because of the close tie between the Masonic brotherhood and the Anglican church in the early days of Masonry. One office in part of Masonry was always held, traditionally, by an Episcopal bishop.

"For many years Masonic speakers have tried to prove that 'Masonry was or was not a religion', it is a problem many clergymen have had to face in their desire to bring people to Christ. Oftentimes we hear people who are connected with Masonry say: 'I don't need to join a church if I just live up to the precepts of Masonry.' Or, a good Mason is a better person than the average

church member.' It is a disturbing thought that members of one of the greatest, if not the greatest brotherhood on earth, would desert the Christian church which is the spiritual mother to the Masonic order.

"Is Masonry a religion? According to some definitions, it is. First, religion in a comprehensive sense, includes a belief in the being and perfection of God . . . in the revelation of His will to man . . . in man's obligations to obey His commands . . . in a state of rewards and punishments, and in man's accountability to God; and also true Godliness or piety of life, with the practice of all moral duties. This is from Webster's definition—and to this extent Masonry fulfills the test of being a religion.

"Is Masonry a religion? What is religion? Webster's second definition of religion is, that, religion as distinct from virtue or morality, consists of the performance of all known duties to God and our fellowman, in obedience to divine command, or from love to God and His law. To a great extent also is Masonry obligated to this second part of the definition of religion.

Here the speaker adduced two more definitions of religion, showing that in a sense, since "Masonry consists in duties . . . we owe directly to God, from a principle of obedience to God's will" also Masonry may be in this aspect called a religion.

However the speaker pointed out that "religion that comprehends the worship of Pagans, Mohammedans,

Getting Acquainted with

By DICK YOST
MRS. GUY MOORE, bantering husband, GUY, about having to dig spuds for dinner . . . FRANCIS GRIFFIN, trouble-shooting break down at cannery . . . WARD WIENEKE, getting up from table to answer phone . . . JIM BOOR, re-introducing himself to this reporter after many years . . . MRS. JERRY LACELLE, checking in cannery workers . . . LAWRENCE FISCHER, disking under corn fodder behind picker . . . WALTER McPARTLAND, making his return to Lions luncheon by dowsing GENE STANLEY with an over-turned glass of water . . . KAY COTTE, waxing optimistic about the beet harvest.

etc, which consists in the belief in a superior power or powers, would not truly characterize Masonry.

Rev. Crenshaw further pointed out that "no disbeliever may become a Mason. A public witness to belief in God must be "confessed by those entering Masonry. The speaker alluded to Masonry's regard for the Bible as "the spiritual, moral trestle board of Masonry. He also showed that another element of religion is involved in Masonry in that certain "rewards and punishments" implied in nearly all religion is also found in the obligations which Masons take." He further affirmed that "true godliness or piety of life is inculcated as the invariable duty of every Mason."

At this juncture in his address Rev. Crenshaw said in another sense Masonry cannot qualify as a religion. It has never made any pretension to set itself up as one of the religions of the world, as a system of faith and worship. Masonry has never been offered as a substitute for the Christian religion. This said he, I quote from the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry. "It does not meddle with creeds or doctrines . . . but . . . to teach fundamental religious truth."

"Lodge is opened and closed with prayer; the symbols of Masonry are Biblical and religious; as are its ancient landmarks . . . all teaching religious truth . . . to bow in reverence to God's holy name . . . to open the law of God upon its altars. The speaker said "no man can be a Mason who is not a respecter of religion and an observer of religious principle."

In arriving at his distinction between Masonry and the Christian faith Rev. Crenshaw said "it inculcates the practice of virtue, but has no forgiveness of sins.

Here Rev. Crenshaw urged Masons, its junior and sister orders, "who have entered the vestibule of the Temple, so to speak, religiously, to come all the way and take their places as a part of some definite worshipping and believing church.

Rev. Crenshaw continued, "if you will pardon a personal word, I have always said that the better and harder a man tries to become a good Mason, that the more definitely he will be driven to join some Christian church."

Rev. Crenshaw alluded to the fine Biblical grounds of much of Masonry, and in his concluding remarks he urged a greater comradeship between the lodge and the church as much of the ritual of Masonry, though beautiful, moral and profound "was found by God not to be enough to bring salvation to human beings, and therefore God sent his Son, even Jesus Christ, to die on a cross of love in order that man might be saved. And only by personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's God and Saviour; only by the faith identification which Christians make with Christ, can man be eternally saved."

Farm Bur. Essay Winners Announced At Annual Picnic

By Mrs. Jake Borge
The annual Malheur county Farm Bureau picnic was held Sunday at Vale. Before dinner a presentation of awards was made by Mrs. Jake Borge to the county winners in the 4-H essay contest. Plaques were presented to Luelyn McKenney, of Harper, for first place in the junior division, and to Frances Feik, of Nyssa, for first place in the senior division. The girls read their essays, which were entitled "Is Competition in 4-H Good For Me?"

After the picnic dinner, county President Hugh McConnell welcomed the group. A short program was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gilbert of Lincoln, Neb., who played piano and cornet selections, and Mrs. Arthur Hatch and daughter, Elsie, of Adrian, who sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" ending with a parody on the song.

State Farm Bureau President Marshall Swearingen addressed the group, telling of some of the accomplishments and aims of the Oregon Farm Bureau federation in the legislature. He explained the new Farm Bureau life insurance program and congratulated Malheur county on the growth and thinking of its membership. Swearingen said Farm Bureau is

CHURCH NOTES

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Christian Center Mission
East 2nd and Ehrgood
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Austin J. Hollingsworth, Minister
10 a. m., church school, Elvin Balou, superintendent. Classes for all. Graded instruction for children attending.

11 a. m., worship, sermon by the pastor, "The continuing Significance of the Church."
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MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Elder Haskell Dane, Pastor
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Young peoples services, 7 p. m.
Evening worship, 8 p. m.
Wednesday evening prayer service 8 o'clock.

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ADRIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Henry E. Moore, Pastor
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M. A sermon from a former pastor, Rev. John Nevin.

After the service there will be a basket dinner.

ADRIAN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Henry E. Moore, Pastor
Guest speaker for Sunday morning 11 o'clock, the Rev. Harold Kurtz, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church, Portland, Ore.
Basket dinner in church basement following the morning services.

L. D. S. 1st WARD
Gordon Ray, Bishop
Primary Wednesday 10 a. m.
Sacrament Sunday 8 p. m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Frank C. Coley, Pastor
South 2nd and Reece Ave.
Sunday school 10 a. m.
Childrens service in basement auditorium at 11 a. m.
Morning worship 11 a. m.
2 p. m. Sunday Watre Baptism. All who wish to go meet at the church before 2 o'clock.

Evening evangelistic service 8 p. m.
Tuesday evening prayer and praise 8 p. m.

Friday evening Christ Ambassador 8 p. m.
Young people service 8 p. m.
Everyone welcome to all services.

THE METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
H. G. McCallister, Minister
9:45 a. m., church school.

gaining the recognition of other groups, adding, "Farm Bureau members must learn politics, for politics is the science of government."

The Farm Bureau office of information will prepare explanations of the bills to come before the voters this fall. It is up to the members to educate the public on these issues, some of which are the Hood River resolution, which hopes to amend the constitution so that any money needs of the state cannot automatically revert to the old property tax, daylight saving time, the milk control law and re-apportionment according to area, as well as population.

A short report was made by Mrs. Borge on the state advisory council meeting, recently held at Bend, in which she brought out the four Ps of a successful meeting—facts, fun, food and fellowship.



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Evening service, 7:30 p. m.

THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Rev. Glen Abba, Pastor
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
N. Y. P. S. and junior meeting, 7 p. m.
Evangelistic service, 7:45 p. m.
Mid-week prayer meeting, 8 o'clock Wednesday evening.

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D. Hubert Christensen, Bishop
Sunday—Priesthood meeting, 9:15 a. m. Sunday school 10:30 a. m. Sacrament meeting, 8 p. m. Tuesday—Relief society, 2 p. m. Wednesday—Primary, 4 p. m. M. I. A., 8 p. m.

THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Adrian, Oregon
Church school, 10 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Pat Sweeney and family at Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Osborn and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Capper attended the Nebraska picnic Sunday at the Caldwell park. Over 4,000 were present at the picnic.

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