

Church Notices

Church Publication Head Here Today

A mission team consisting of Dr. Bancroft of Omaha and Dr. Walter L. Jenkins of New York, will speak at First Presbyterian church in O'Neill today (Thursday).

Doctor Jenkins is the general manager of the publication department of the board of Christian education of the Presbyterian church, U.S.A. He directs one of the largest religious publications enterprises in this country. This department produces over 32,000,000 pieces of literature—fiction, nonfiction, hymnals, periodicals, Sunday-school materials, and other publications in an average year.

Doctor Bancroft is the synod executive of the Presbyterian church in Nebraska. Doctor Jenkins and Doctor Bancroft have been visiting in a number of Presbyterian churches in northern Nebraska this week.

A noon luncheon will be held in the Presbyterian church for all men of the church. The team members will speak at 12:30 p.m. Doctor Jenkins and Doctor Bancroft will speak to the Women's associations of the O'Neill and Bethany churches at 2:30 p.m., in the church here.

These men will discuss and speak about the work of the three boards—foreign missions, national missions and Christian education—of the Presbyterian church.

Pastor Feled—
John Thomas, minister of the Church of Christ, was entertained at a surprise covered dish dinner given by the entire congregation following the morning services Sunday. The occasion marked his birthday anniversary. A three-tier birthday cake centered the table.

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD (O'Neill)

Rev. Wayne A. Hall, pastor
Today (Thursday), Women's Missionary council meets in the home of Mrs. Reuben Redinger, 2 p.m.
Sunday, May 9: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; worship hour, 11 a.m.; children's story time, 7:30 a.m.; evening service, 8 o'clock.
Tuesday, May 11: Christ's Ambassadors' service at 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 12: Bible study and prayer meeting at 8 p.m.
Monday, May 24, through Friday, June 4, is the time of our vacation Bible school for all boys and girls 4-years-old and over. Plan to attend each day for Bible stories, singing, handwork, games and a happy time in all.
Show your appreciation for American motherhood by attending God's house mother's day. We read many examples in the Bible of faithful God-fearing mothers. "I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother, Lois, and thy mother, Eunice; and I am persuaded that thou hast known that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

METHODIST (O'Neill)
Rev. Wallace B. Smith, pastor
Friday, May 7: Dorcas circle with Mrs. Wilbur Kirkland, 2 p.m.
Sunday, May 9: Cherub and junior choir practice at 9:30 a.m.; church school at 9:45 a.m.; worship—mother's day—11 a.m.
Monday, May 10: Special meeting of the official board. All members should be present at 7:30 p.m. Rev. J. L. Jay will be present to conduct adjourned fourth quarterly conference session.
Wednesday, May 12: Last session of WSCS study course on Jeremiah, 2 p.m.
A special movie dealing with the things of the heart and of the people of our church and the neighboring churches on Tuesday, May 18. The moving picture is entitled: "The Hidden Heart." Plan now to save that night for attendance.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN (O'Neill)
Rev. Samuel Lee, pastor
Miss Helen May, assistant to the pastor
Sunday, May 9, Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday-school follows.
Sunday evening is church family night, beginning at 7 p.m., with a fellowship supper. Rev. Frank Payas, pastor of the church at Atkinson, will be the evening speaker. He has spent some time on the mission field in the southwest United States. Bring the whole family on family night.
Religious instruction for children in the community at the following places: Monday, 4 p.m., Harkins school; Tuesday, 4 p.m., Bethany church; Friday, 12:30 p.m., Brewster school; Friday, 3:30 p.m., Lone Tree school.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (O'Neill)
Corner of Sixth and Grant
John Thomas, minister
Sunday, May 9: Bible school, 10 a.m.; communion and preaching, 11 a.m.; evening worship at 8 o'clock.
Bible study and prayer session Wednesday, 8 p.m.
Our vacation Bible school will be May 31 to June 4. This school will be under the supervision of two students of Minnesota Bible college. There will be graded classes for ages 5 to 16 with Bible stories, songs, games and crafts. We invite every boy and girl to attend this five-day school.

METHODIST (Emmet)
Rev. Wallace B. Smith, pastor
Plans are underway for painting the church in the near future. If you have the desire to see your church at Emmet sparkling with white again, contact "Bud" Cole. He is arranging the work.
Hear the special mother's day message Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Your children will be taught in the basement at the same hour your worship.
Attend the church of your choice every Sunday!

CENTER UNION (O'Neill)
Rev. Melvin Groenbach, pastor
Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.
Sunday, May 9 (mother's day): Worship at 10 a.m. Prizes to the oldest mother, to the youngest mother, and to the mother with the most children present; the most children present; the school at 11 a.m.; young people's service and Bible study, 8 p.m.
You are invited to all of our services.

WESLEYAN METHODIST (O'Neill)
Rev. Melvin Groenbach, pastor
Thursday, May 6: Midweek prayer meeting at 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 8: Prayer conference at Page Wesleyan Methodist church.
Sunday, May 9 (mother's day): Sunday-school at 10 a.m.; worship at 11 a.m.
Prizes to the oldest mother, to the youngest mother, and to the mother with the most children present at the service.
We are showing the film, "The Street," distributed by Pacific Garden mission of Chicago, Ill. It is a skid row film. It will be shown Sunday, 8 p.m.
May 24-28: Daily vacation Bible school. We will have school both morning and afternoon.
May 28: The Billy Graham film, "Mr. Texas," will be shown in the school auditorium.
June 3: The Billy Graham film, "Oil Town, U.S.A.," at the school auditorium.

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State Capitol News

4 Bills Okayed, 5 Killed

LINCOLN—As the legislature this week entered its third week of deliberations and hearings, the question whether it would hammer out a tax reform program still hung in the balance. Twin forces were at work, vigorously opposing each other.

Some force sought action on the premise that Nebraska has a tax mess and that something must be done about it. This group was spearheaded by the legislative council committee on taxation which had urged Gov. Robert Crosby to call the special session.

Their contention, repeated in floor debate and hearings, testimony, was that tax reform is needed. But this can only come if certain changes in the constitution are made. And only the people by popular vote can change the constitution. This vote can only be at general elections, which come every two years.

So if anything is to be done, committee members said, the start must be made by putting something on the ballot this November. Otherwise, no constitutional amendments could be voted before 1956 which means nothing could be done until the 1957 legislature. So reform would be at least three years away unless this session does something.

But the opposing force had considerable strength and threatened for a time during the second week to wreck the session. It was composed apparently of various factors.

1. Many senators had not kept in touch with the months of hearings by the taxation study committee. Held behind closed doors, neither the hearings nor the conclusions reached by the committee had any publicity until just before the special session. So some senators resented being called to Lincoln during the busy agricultural season when they thought nothing could be accomplished. Others have heard so much about the tax controversy that they are sick to death of it. And, unfortunately, there appeared to be some personal jealousies on the part of some senators not on the committee.

2. There was a resentment on the part of some senators against Governor Crosby. They felt he pushed them into a special session by announcing a petition drive to put constitutional amendments for tax reform on the ballot. Some of this resentment came because they thought the governor had made mistakes on taxes which made them look bad.

3. Certain groups were fearful they would lose their privileged tax status if the constitution were changed too much. The railroads reportedly feared changes which would knock out the special valuation formulas they have. The Nebraska New Dealers Association spent thousands of dollars two years ago to get a constitutional amendment passed allowing a different tax plan for motor vehicles.

4. That flaring issue of Nebraska politics, the sales tax, also undoubtedly contributed to the "let's kill everything and go home" attitude. Centered in Omaha, opposition to the sales tax was so determined that it was willing to scuttle the session rather than let a sales tax measure get on the ballot.

After public hearings were held on the nine bills containing constitutional proposals, the joint judiciary-revenue committee which heard them held executive sessions. A small hard core within the committee appeared determined to kill every bill.

The committee eventually approved four bills and killed five of them.

Attempts to raise all five of the scuttled bills were made. That takes 22 votes within the legislature.

But only LB 3 made the grade and by only a 23-18 vote. This bill would allow the voters in November to decide whether to change the constitution so household goods could be exempt from taxation. But at week's end there was some question whether it would have enough votes for final passage.

Dead for good apparently were these measures:

LB 5. A proposal to let the voters decide whether Nebraska should have a sales tax or not.

LB 8. A proposal to tie in a sales tax with a partial homestead exemption and aid for schools.

LB 9. A proposal for a partial homestead exemption.

The fifth bill the committee killed was LB 4, a proposal to relax the constitutional provision that requires uniformity of assessments. At week's end there was talk of an attempt to revive it.

Approved by the committee and later by the legislature in initial debate were:

LB 1. A constitutional amendment proposal to allow a state tax commission.

LB 2. A proposal to change the constitution so county assessors could be either appointed or elected. They are now elected.

These two, along with the household exemption bill and LB 4, were the original tax reform proposals of the taxation study committee. Governor Crosby had also recommended them.

Also approved in early debate was LB 7 which would place a guarantee in the constitution that if a sales or income tax is ever passed it must be used to replace that part of the property tax which goes to support state government.

That was the only bill which even had anything to do with the sales tax which survived early actions in the legislature.

Nelson Against Appointments—
O'Neill's State Sen. Frank Nelson, who weighs legislative matters very carefully and seriously, dips into ancient history to defend the present method of electing assessors. He points out the Roman concept of levying taxes by appointive functionaries met with widespread resentment and hardship on behalf of the people.

"It is an American tradition to have these people elective and that's the way I feel about it," Nelson added.

By Wednesday morning it appeared the appointive proposition would be placed in the hands of the voters this fall because the measure—LB 2—has been in strong favor since the start of the session.

Extra-Curricular Activities—
A group of educators and citizens met with State Supt. F. B. Decker to talk about the problem of extra-curricular activities in schools. All agreed that in most schools there are too many games, contests, and clubs. But no one had a complete solution. Here are typical comments:

Walter French, Stromsburg superintendent of schools, said he is worried about the loss of teacher time because of contests.

Mrs. J. E. Conklin of Hubbell said mothers worry because their high school children are on the highways so much in going to games and contests.

Floyd Miller of the state department of public instruction said some schools are let out "at the drop of a hat."

William Bogar, Lincoln high school principal, said, "About the only thing we aren't providing for students now is dormitories at night."

Superintendent Decker said one town figured up that it cost \$4,000 every day school was let out for a band parade or other festival.

Mrs. Jack Ressel of Marshall, Tex., arrived Monday. She is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Harland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Quinn were in Sioux City on business Wednesday, April 28.

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Peggy Sullivan of Omaha was home over the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sullivan.

Miss Lucille Neth of Central City spent the weekend visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shelhamer.

Richard Schmit of Nenzel visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schmit, Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Horak of Danbury, Ia., returned to her home Wednesday, April 28. She had been visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McCaville, Jr., and their family. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Salmoms of

Merced, Calif., spent Friday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. McKamy. They went to Norfolk that day where they are visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frank.

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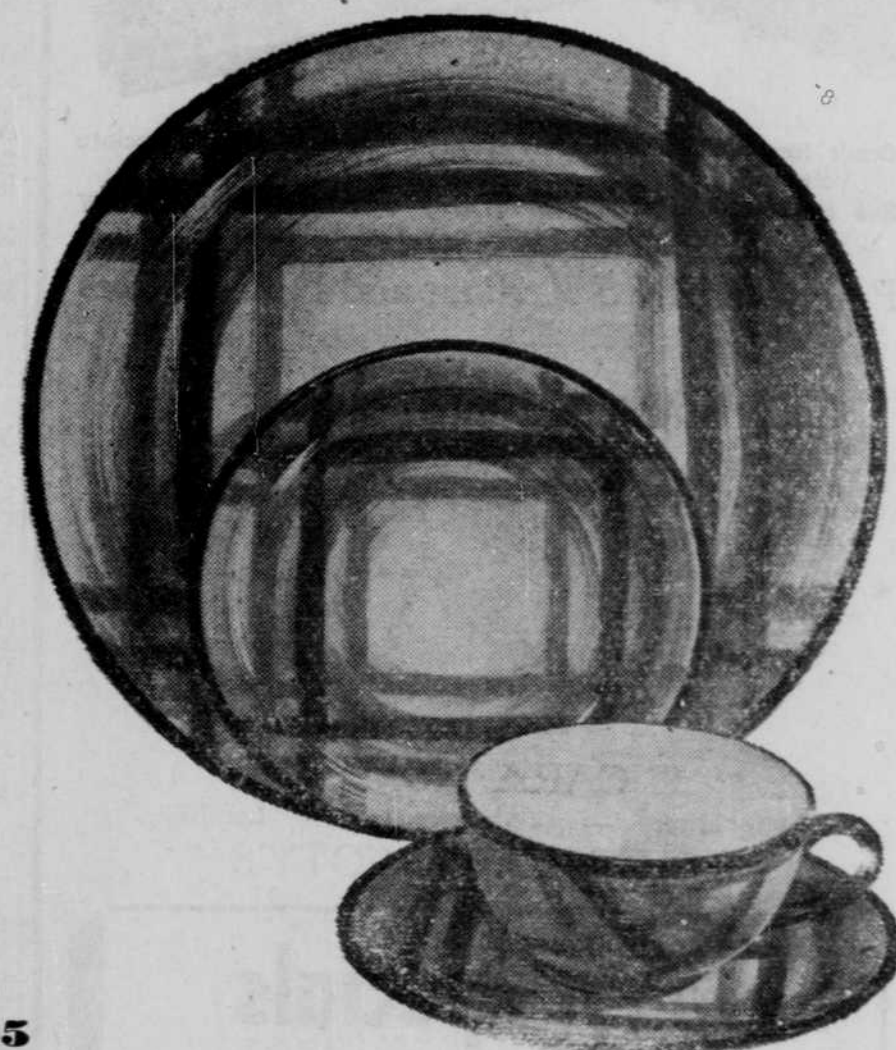
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