



The Dragon Scoop

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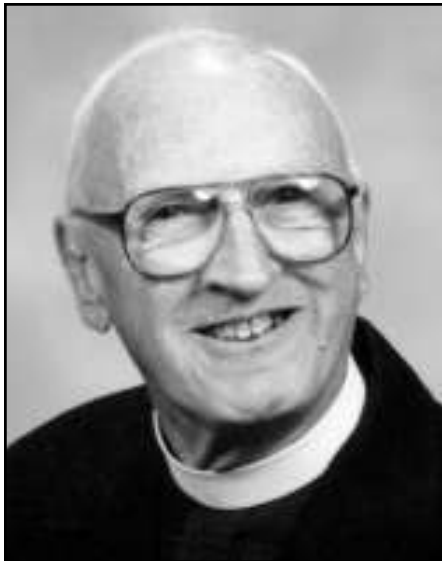
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“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Preacher & the Teacher

Many of you will remember Father Alfred Tyson,
Rector of St. George’s from 1949-1978.



Sue Phelps discovered his memoirs in our library,
and with the permission of his heirs we are able
to bring you some fascinating glimpses into the
old days at our church.

Excerpts from 1949

*Notice the size of the congregation and the number
of acolytes.*

At the beginning of July 1949, I moved to
Roseburg with my family to become the second
rector of St. George’s Episcopal Church there.

At the time I became rector, St. George’s was
still a pretty small congregation, with about 275
communicants. There was no secretary, no janitor,
and not even a very active Altar Guild. If I wanted
a Sunday bulletin, it was up to me to type out the
stencil, run it off on the old mimeograph I had
talked the Diocese into sending us, and running
it off. I also did some of the janitor work, such as
setting up chairs and tables in the parish house
for events there.

Spurred on by Dave Gordon, an acolyte's guild
was formed in the late summer of 1949. Among
the first acolytes of this new group were Terry
Jones (grandson of Leon and Genevieve
McClintock), Billy Haskin, Wayne Henninger, Bob
Harrell, Hoddy Turner, Mike Pinninger, Brady
Montgomery, Jim Barnhart, Bill Riley (one of two
acolytes who had served Fr. Blaker), Dick Layzell,
Robin Helliwell, Jim and Frank Webster, Bob Gray
and Bob Hess. As the parish grew, other boys joined
the group, and for most of my time as rector there
were between fifty and sixty boys on our acolyte list.
It soon became evident that help was needed in
scheduling the acolytes; normally each boy served
only once a month so all could have a turn, even
though we normally used twelve boys each Sunday.
Steve Bistran, after his discharge from the Navy,
became the first adult in charge of training and
scheduling acolytes.

*Of course in 1949, girls were not allowed to be
acolytes.*

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Excerpts from 1950

St. George's Altar Guild blossomed out rather quickly during 1950, and records indicate that during that period a number of women were added to it, including Mona Riley, Jessie Chapman, Gertrude Stapleton, Helen Falbe, Lela Wimberly and Mira Bistran. The old sacristy was so tiny that there was barely room in it for two people (this in the new Church built in 1938!). So one of the incentives for the Altar Guild to help work for a new Parish House was the promise that the sacristy would be enlarged; it was doubled in width and a sink with running water was added.

The ecumenical movement was just beginning to take hold, and one of the activities in Roseburg was a joint noon-day service each day during the Holy Week, either at the Methodist or Presbyterian Churches, both of which were downtown Churches and both of which had pipe organs (St. George's did not as yet have a pipe organ). The new rector, having served as a Church organist for some fourteen years, was chosen to play for these services at the Presbyterian Church during the 1950 Holy Week series.

One of the social affairs of Roseburg was the annual Easter Monday luncheon and card party sponsored by the Guild at St. George's. People from all the Churches in Roseburg that permitted their members to play cards flocked to these affairs, and the Parish Hall was usually full and the noise was considerable. When possible, the rector managed to have an appointment somewhere else, preferably out of town! But these were happy times and have continued ever since, except that having them the day after Easter made it hard to get all the arrangements made and they were eventually moved to Easter Tuesday. Not so many of the women in the parish were employed outside the home in 1950, so these Easter Monday or Tuesdays social affairs were eagerly looked forward to all over town. In one sense, this was a sort of ecumenical gathering, too, as it was one of the first gatherings to which our Roman Catholic friends felt free to come,

and it helped to break down the "wall of partition" between us.

The building fund drive was officially opened this summer with Al Henninger in charge. In almost no time it was under way with a full head of steam and work was begun on the construction of the new rectory just after Christmas 1950. Roy Cornwell was both architect and builder for both the rectory and parish house. The two old buildings, both frame construction, were sold by bid, getting about \$50 each. The old Parish Hall was purchased by a grandmother* in her seventies, who did all the work herself of tearing it down and removing the materials. (*Mrs. Perron) (James Hunt did the rectory)

Thanks to Dick Bronson on the Vestry, who was a traveling salesman, the parish granted the rector the first car allowance. Dick argued that the parish expected the rector to make parish calls and do various other works for it that involved travel, so he ought to be reimbursed for some of his car expense. They voted an allowance of \$25 a month, which remained unchanged for the next ten or fifteen years. But it was much appreciated, and now car allowances are a regular part of all clergy salary "packages."

Dave Gordon returned for a part of the summer of 1950, and with the help of Adeline Adams and others, put on our second Daily Vacation Church School, which lasted from Monday through Friday for two weeks. Again, it was a success. In later years, it was shortened by one day, and finally down to one week. But no one in 1950 thought it was a minute too long.

From *The Preacher & the Teacher: the story of our years at St. George's as told by Father Alfred S. Tyson*. There is no copyright date on the book, but the final entry was made in 1979.

[The Dragon Scoop plans to continue this series each month. If you are interested in a particular person we will try to find them in the book \(sadly there is no index\) and include them in a future issue.](#)

FYI

Southern Convocation Picnic

This year's Southern Convocation all-parish worship service and picnic/BBQ will be

Sunday, September 10, 2 pm,
at TouVelle State Park,
8425 Table Rock Road,
Central Point, OR
(I-5 South Exit 35 and OR-99 South)

The park is on the Rogue River and has a large covered picnic area that can accommodate 100 people. The focus of this year's service will be the alleviation of gun violence and healing for those who have been directly affected by it.

Food, beverages, etc. will be provided. Carpooling is suggested—plus it's just more fun! Please let the office know if you are going so we can get a head count for food.

Food, Love and Fellowship

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church has just published this cookbook. They have generously donated a copy to our library, but it is very likely you will want one for your own kitchen.

From the foreword: "This cookbook is a glimpse into the soul of Holy Cross. Each contributor has chosen a recipe that has a special place in his or her heart. From appetizers to desserts and everything in between, there is something here that everyone will enjoy eating. Food from all over the world is presented in family recipes, and each contributor has added personal notes that share their memories of the fare."

Copies are in the Holy Cross bookstore off the Parish Hall and are only \$15. Just leave payment in an envelope. (The books may not be on display as of Sept. 3, but still in boxes.) The monies are for their building fund.

Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn . . .	Crown Him with Many Crowns.
Weatherman's Hymn . . .	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.
Contractor's Hymn . . .	The Church's One Foundation.
Tailor's Hymn . . .	Holy, Holy, Holy.
Golfer's Hymn . . .	There's a Green Hill Far Away.
Politician's Hymn . . .	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn. . .	Open My Eyes That I Might See.
IRS Agent's Hymn . . .	I Surrender All.
Gossip's Hymn . . .	Pass It On.
Electrician's Hymn . . .	Send The Light..
Shopper's Hymn . . .	Sweet Bye and Bye.
Realtor's Hymn . . .	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop.
Massage Therapist's Hymn.	He Touched Me.

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

55 mph . . .	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph . . .	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph . . .	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph . . .	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph . . .	Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folks.

Thanks to Bill Riley for the hymn list.

Parish News

We held our Parish Hall Picnic on August 6. This location made it easier for more people to attend.



September-October Holy Eucharist

Sept. 3 — The Rev. Karen Tiegs, Hillsboro

Oct. 1 — The Rev. Dr. Tony Petrotta

Oct. 15 — The Rev. Dr. Pastor Gail Duba!



Columbarium News

by Bill Riley

Randy Duke of Duke Masonry and helper Hunter showed up at church at 0730 the morning of August 19. Bob Spielman came a bit later to help. The job was finished by noon. Bob returned later to spray the poured concrete with water and pressure wash the rest of the area. We used a total of 68 sixty-pound bags of concrete. Bob and his daughter and Karla Roady will now plant the rest of the area.



Bob Spielman mixing concrete.



Above: area to be filled with concrete showing the rebar matting.



Randy Duke finishing pour.



Randy Duke on left, Hunter mixing, and Bob on right.

July Priests



Above, right, and below:

July 9—The Rev. James Abbott, Brookings

July 16—The Rt. Rev. Neff Powell, Eugene

July 23— The Rev. Mary Piper, Ashland



August Priests



Clockwise from top left:



Aug. 6—The Rev. Dr. Pastor Gail Duba!

Aug. 13—The Rev. Karen Tiegs, Hillsboro

Aug. 20—The Rev. Dr. Constance Hammond, Portland

Aug. 27—The Rev. Canon Linda Potter, Hillsboro

Parish News



**Birthday Blessings
for
Aaron Heinrich and Kathy Glockner**



**Birthday Blessings
for
Lynda Green
(Pictured with Steve Thomas
and Pastor Gail)**



**Left:
Birthday Blessings
for
Myana Clark
And
Noah Wanamaker
(accepted by Frank Graham)**

Parish News



**Birthday Blessings
for
Marianne Jones
(accepted by
David Jones)
and
Lukas Artac**

**63rd Anniversary Blessings
for
Faye and Pete Benham**



Stamp Club News

Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the September Stamp of the Month



September is National End Hunger Month

According to the USDA, more than 34 million people, including 9 million children, in the United States are food insecure. Many households not qualifying for federal nutrition programs visit their local food banks for extra support.



Scott catalog #2164, issued on October 15, 1985 in Washington DC.

The Umpqua Valley Stamp Club meets monthly every 3rd Monday except for June and December. Here in the Parish Hall at 7:15. Visitors welcome.

Poster by Clarence Adams, Umpqua Valley Stamp Club

FISH



Karla Roady reported that the Aug. 12 Green Bag collection took in a record 12,000 pounds of food.

The Pantry is now seeing 70-80 people each week, up from its normal 50.



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Co-Junior Wardens:
Bob Spielman and Sue Phelps
Treasurer: Kathy Glockner

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10 am—2 pm
Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP
10 am
Sundays
and
Wednesdays

