

Deaconess Directs Programme in Large City Church

Miss Pearl Willows is the Deaconess at the Canadian Memorial Chapel, Vancouver, B.C. In a large city church where the Sunday and through the week programme is community wide and for all ages, not only does the Deaconess assist the minister, she is as well a supervisor and director of programme activities. At Canadian Memorial Chapel, of which Rev. G. H. Villett is the minister, some of the most popular pieces of work include:

Beginners Department. In this Department on a Sunday morning the visitor is greeted by the children in a bright, cheerful room equipped with suitable playthings. As the children arrive, they are directed to various interest centres which include sand-table, books, plasticine, blocks, house-keeping toys and puzzles. The play period, which is supervised, helps the child to feel "at home" and also provides an opportunity for the children to learn to play happily together. After the play period the children enjoy one or two group games. Following these, is the worship service handwork and closing session. As the Department meets at 11 a.m., which is during the morning service of worship, a time schedule is in operation which permits each teacher to have one Sunday off a month in order to attend the morning church service.

The SVE Projector. During the past year an SVE projector has been purchased and it already has proved of great benefit in the different organizations and clubs. Visual Education is here to stay and church work can be improved by using all types of visual aids in promoting Christian Education.

The Snack Counter. The snack counter, introduced early in the fall of last year, has proven to be very popular with young and old. It is a place to have coffee with friends and get acquainted with other church people.

Teen Age Club. The "11-60" Club for teen-agers meets every Saturday night during the winter season for a social time. The club is for girls and boys, 15-18 years of age, inclusive. The facilities of the church hall are at the disposal of the members. The young people arrange the programmes or evening's entertainment themselves.

Cradle Roll and Baby Band. Under the newly appointed superintendent, Mrs. R. Cameron, this department has an enrolment of two hundred. The department is divided into eight districts with a district leader in charge of each. The duties of the district leader includes visiting new babies, issuing certificates of membership, birthday cards and invitations to the two parties held each year for the children. Members receive gift boxes for their contributions to the work of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Young Adult Club was organized early in the fall; has been most successful. In addition to regular meetings, the Club meets every Friday in the church hall for sports.

Dr. Gerald Switzer Popular Preacher in State of Oregon

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Rev. Gerald B. Switzer, Ph.D., Professor of Church History and Christian Education in Union College, Vancouver, B.C., is one of the prophets who has been honoured in his own country and among his own people. He came to manhood in a parsonage in this province, became a minister of this Conference, a Profes-