Several hundred members of the congregation attended the special thanksgiving meeting at the Presbyterian church last night at which the campaign to raise $175,000 for a new church building was given a sendoff.

Dr. G.D. Fowey of the church erection department of the board of foreign missions who is to direct the financial campaign spoke on the subject: "The Goodness of God."

Dr. Dowey will remain in Yakima several weeks until the completion of the campaign he said yesterday. His first move will be to become acquainted with members of the congregation and conditions in Yakima.

"The new building will be a complete church plant," said Dr. Dowey. "It will contain a well laid out plan of Sunday school rooms, class rooms and rooms for the various organizations. It will be departmentalized so that religion will be taught as efficiently as educational subjects in the weekday schools. It will be the demonstration church of Yakima and Washington. It will be organized on the basis of a seven day a week program of religious education and social activity for all ages."

The Yakima Republic, November 26, 1925.
Rev. E.W. Pigion, the new dean of St Michael's Episcopal church here is hard at work helping to move his family into their rectory of the church.

Dean Pigion and his family arrived in Yakima yesterday from Huron, S.D. where he has been the pastor of the Grace church for the past 10 years. Mrs. Pigion was formerly Miss Marie Lindgren and was the general secretary of the YWCA here from 1911 to 1913. She left Yakima in 1913 to marry Dr. Pigion. They have three charming children, Wilma, George and John. Dr. Pigion's mother, Mrs. Sarah Counter, accompanied them. The Yakima Republic, December 12, 1925.
Yakima Presbyterians banded together by a common purpose and working with one coordinated spirit yesterday evening stepped their set goal of $175,000 and assured the erection of a new edifice.

The drive was under the direction of G.G. Dowey of the Presbyterian board of church erection headquarters, New York...$142,000 was raised during the morning and it is hoped that a total of $200,000 will be counted when all pledges are counted....

The money was raised in a single day but preparations have been under way for many weeks. C.H. Hinman chairman of the financial committee and J.S. Feece, W.B. Dudley, C.E. Hewitt and N.K. Buck, members of the committee under the direction of Dr. Dowey and Dr. Ferry have been working for the success of the campaign for weeks.

The money, pledged to the church is to be paid over a five year period...The Yakima Republic, December 15, 1925.
"Our new church will be erected to serve as a seven-day a week building," the Rev. David W. Ferry states in telling of the plans made by the Presbyterians for the erection of their edifice.

A number of architects plans have been submitted to the committee for consideration.

The main auditorium for worship according to Dr. Ferry will have sufficient space to accommodate a membership of 2,000. A departmentalized Sunday school is planned that will take care of 1,500 pupils. Each department will have its special room and classes of different ages will meet separately.

One of the features of the church will be its recreational hall which will be provided with a stage and other facilities for progressive entertainments. These will be under church auspices, will be clean and wholesome and will take care of the recreational life of the students.

At present the Presbyterian financial drive has netted approximately $187,000. Dr. Ferry expects that final pledges will total over $200,000 in addition to this amount the church has the old Presbyterian church property.

As yet the exact site of the new church has not been selected although it will be in the neighborhood of Eighth avenue and Yakima avenue. O.E. Jones, W.W. Watt and George I. Clithero members of the site committee are handling its selection.

The annual meeting of the church will be held March 31, according to Dr. Ferry--"he Yakima Republican, January 16, 1926."
Fifty years of the history of the Congregational church in the Yakima valley are to be recorded if the plans suggested at the Brotherhood meeting held last night are carried out.

It is hoped to have this completed in time for the 50th anniversary which will be celebrated in 1929 according to C.L. Chappie, president of the organization.

The church was first established in a log cabin at Union Gap in 1879 and its career from a struggling territorial mission to its present home at North Second and C streets will furnish inspirational reading of the progress of Christianity, members of the Brotherhood agree.

At last night's meeting L.O. Jantzen briefly related the history of the founding of the church up to 1900. Then Dr. H.P. James, who was pastor of the organization for five years related the advance made since 1901. In the story Dr. James paid tribute to the sincere work done by the present minister, Rev. W.D. Robinson.

The Yakima Republic, January 22, 1926.
Yakima's three Lutheran churches, St Luke's, Emmanuel and Holy Trinity, to all intents and purposes became a united body last night when members of the groups accepted the plans submitted by the mission council at a meeting which was presided over by Rev. C. R. Swanson of Seattle, council representative.

Officially the merger will not be effected until the articles of incorporation are drawn up of the united church.

The union here is to be the initial step in a far reaching movement to combine Lutheran churches of three synods which have similar policies and fields of service, officials of the council state. If the Yakima experiment proves successful the church heads will endeavor to extend the union to most of the western cities. This is the first time in the history of the Lutheran church that three churches in different synods have been united according to Carl Muhr, pastor of the Emmanuel church.

The first union service will be held in the Holy Trinity church on the evening of January 31.

The Yakima Republic, January 22, 1926.
Acting on the recommendation of the architects the council of the First Presbyterian church approved the selection of the southeast corner of Yakima and Eighth avenue as the site for the new $200,000 edifice to be erected this year. The selection will be placed before the members of the congregation for their ratification next Sunday.

After studying data on the topography of four different sites A. H. Albertaon of Seattle architect for the church advised the committee that the Eighth avenue location was the most suitable for the type of building favored by the church members.

O. K. Conant chairman of the plans committee announced that the specifications had been changed to include a large recreational hall. He stated that plans would be ready to submit to the committee and congregation within a short time.

It is the present plan to award the contract sometime in May or the early part of June. Members of the committee believe that all details will be completed by that time.

The Yakima Republic, February 5, 1928.
Members of the building and finance committees of the Presbyterian church are looking forward to the possibility of beginning construction on the $75,000 church structure early in June following the purchase of the site for approximately $28,000.

The deal was completed Saturday with payment of cash. Initial payment of subscriptions made during the financial campaign in December were sufficient for the purchase of the property.

Lots were purchased from F.L. Pitman, H.J. Snively, Mrs. Linnie Rowe, Hall and J.F. Irwin. According to N.K. Buck of the building committee construction will begin when $50,000 in cash has been paid.

A.H. Albertson, architect of the church informed the committees that he expects to have the plans ready to submit by June—

The Yakima Republic, March 1, 1926.
Impressive ceremonies conducted by Bishop Edward M. Cross marked the formal institution of Dean E.W. Figion as rector of St Michael's Episcopal church and the confirmation of a class of 25 at the special church services held yesterday morning.

It was the first time that an institutional ceremony was ever held in the Yakima Episcopal church in Central Washington.

R.B. Milroy presented Dean Figion with the parish keys. The Yakima "epublic, "pril 12, 1926.
A PIONEER MINISTER PASSES.

GEORGE EDWIN HEINECK, son of REV. CARLOS and ROSA HEINECK, was born September 19, 1878 at Waumadee, Buffalo County, Wisconsin.

He grew up amidst pioneer life of Western Wisconsin attending common school, after which he took a Normal course and taught school for several years.

Attending Northwestern College at Naperville, he was licensed and ordained minister by the Evangelical Association now the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

After serving in Wisconsin for a few years, he was sent as missionary to Washington State arriving in North Yakima in 1907.

In the same year, he organized the First Church near the Yakima High School and in 1908 extended the work to what is now the Highland Evangelical United Brethren Church.

In 1910 he built the Nob Hill Church — the main auditorium still being the original construction.

In 1913 to 1919 Rev. Heineck had pastorates in Oregon and Northern Washington.

Being a pioneer or frontier preacher he, under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was appointed missionary to the Colville Indians and settlers organizing and building several churches.

Lately he had retired to a mountain home in Okanogan County and recently lived on a small farm at Ahtanum where he joined the Pioneer Congregational Church. A little over a year ago, the family moved to Yakima on 31st Avenue.

While living on the Okanogan farm, known as Mountain View Ranch, his home became home also for foster boys five of whom entered the navy during the last war. Letters were written from the South Pacific and other far places by these boys remembering the precious days of Mountain View Ranch life.
Two foster boys, Jack and Frank Mellor still have their home with the Heineck Family.

In 1902 Mr. Heineck was united in marriage to Marie M. Joos also of Wisconsin. Besides his wife, he is survived by four children:

Mrs. J. O. M Broek
Mrs. W. E. Westmoreland
Mrs. R. D. Elatchford
William A. Heineck

Minneapolis, Minn.
Seattle, Washington
Salem, Oregon
Spokane, Washington

Also surviving are one brother, Frank of Rochester, Minn., two sisters: Mrs. J. M. Joos, Bremerton, Washington and Mrs. W. W. Nash, Tieton, Washington and eight grandchildren.

WILL + WILL have charge of funeral arrangements.
Ahtanum Pioneer Congregational Church Anniversary

Seventy-five years ago a little group of devout residents of this community got together to pray and plan for the organization and building of a church in their pioneer community.

Yesterday descendants of those families and friends gathered in the Ahtanum Pioneer Congregational church to honor their deeds and memories.

Carloads of members and friends from far and near rolled into the churchyard yesterday afternoon for the program as Roy Simmons, sexton, pulled the bell rope vigorously. The tones of the bell, which for nearly 70 years have summoned the people of this community together for worship, sounded as clear as they probably did when the bell was first hung in the church after its trip around the Horn from Connecticut.

There was a buzz of undertone conversation before the program started as reminiscences were exchanged and personalities were pointed out. As the strains of the hymn "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" sounded from the organ played by Nyles Van Hoosen, a woman whispered confidentially to her neighbor, "You know, we were married here 40 years ago."

Combined choirs of the Ahtanum and Wiley Heights Mission church sang several anthems and the congregation joined in singing "Church in the Wildwood." The afternoon program followed the Sunday school and morning worship services at which A. D. Paddison told of his experiences as Sunday school superintendent 25 years ago. Many enjoyed picnic lunches in the churchyard afterward.

Stanley and Norman Henderson of Seattle, grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Henderson who were pioneer members of the church, played several saxophone and cornet duets.

A baby crying in a back room added another touch of pioneer days. Ranged along the front of the platform were some of the reminders of the early days including the old pulpit, the chandelier and odd bits of furniture. On one side of the platform stood the melodeon which was carried to church on Sundays.
ORGANIZATION

On Saturday afternoon, October 16, 1880, twelve people, all but four of them of one family, Isaac Flint, Mrs. Isaac Flint, Purdy Flint, Mrs. Purdy (Lucy) Flint, A. L. Flint, Mrs. A. L. (Minnie) Flint, Hetty Flint, Clara Burch—Dr. and Mrs. Morrison and Mr. & Mrs. Ross, met and organized the First Christian Church of Yakima City. The next day, the Sunday School was organized. The meetings were held in the second floor of what was known as the Centennial Building, having been erected in 1876, and which, somewhat altered, still stands on South Second Street, here in Yakima.

After the organization, the entire community was canvassed for funds for the erection of a church building. The old subscription list shows sixty-two contributors, including the leading saloon keeper. The total amount received was $1809.32, of which Purdy Flint gave $600 in money, $73 in lumber and $100 "in work for self and team." Isaac Flint, though a farmer, became the first minister of this new church.

The Ladies Aid was organized very shortly thereafter, and the Ladies gave a "Fair" to purchase a bell. The bell is now in our Zillah Christian Church.

The new church was dedicated January 1, 1882. It was the first and only church in Yakima City. In 1884, the Northern Pacific Railroad extended its line up the valley and the new town of North Yakima was started in 1885. The railroad offered owners of property in Yakima City their choice of lots in North Yakima, and offered to move their buildings free. Many of the residents accepted, though some remained in Yakima City. The church decided to move, but the minister refused. Mr. Flint conducted the service the last Sunday, and the next day the church started a three weeks move to the new site in the middle of the block between Yakima Avenue and "A" Street on the East side of Third Street.
In 1886, J. T. Eshelman of Goldendale, was called to the pastorate at a salary of $600. During Mr. Eshelman's term of service, the Christian Endeavor, Christian Women's Board of Missions, and the Children's Mission Band were organized.

Mr. Eshelman resigned in 1893 and Morton L. Rose came direct from Drake University and served until 1896, when B. E. Utz was called and stayed two years. A parsonage was erected on the lot north of the church in 1902.

From 1897 to 1902, F. Waldon, Ira W. Kimmell, M. F. Stevens, and W. S. Crockett served short terms. In 1902, A. C. Vail was employed, and was succeeded by Morton L. Rose, for a second pastorate, from 1905 to 1911.

In 1907, the present church building was erected, and it was dedicated in 1909. Charles Reign Scoville was guest speaker. Mrs. Arlene Dux Scoville was soloist. The Scovilles held a six weeks meeting and six hundred were added to the church.

Henry Bicknew gave $3000 for the pipe organ, which was installed in the winter of 1910.

Mr. Rose resigned in 1911, and Mr. Vail was again called and ministered to the church until 1912. O. W. Lawrence of Decater, Illinois, was called, but had preached only two Sundays when he became ill and passed away.

W. F. Turner came in 1912 and served until 1918, when he was called into a larger field of service, becoming Regional Superintendent of Missions. Then followed S. G. Buckner, W. A. Moore, William Dunn Ryan, Glenn Hutton, and Orval D. Peterson, who served until 1957, followed by Howard C. Cole, Garman E. Mell, serving ad interim until the arrival of Hubert E. Sias.
Cle-Elum Tribune: It is stated upon good authority that Theodor Steiner will close up the Horton hotel in Ellensburg.
It is said that Ellensburg is as dead as a door nail. The closing of the Horton will leave the town without a hotel save a few small lodging houses.

Hoaquim has a hotel that cost $115,000 which rents for $1 per month and still the landlord cannot manage to pay expenses.

People who grumble at "hard times" in Yakima should be made to understand that the condition of things here is a good, if not better, than anywhere else in the Northwest.
all patrons.

The Congregational people, finding that the evening audiences in the Cadwell block were not large enough to justify the extra labor and expense of a second service, have removed their church furniture to the church building west of the railway and will have only a morning service and Sunday school.

Yakima Herald, January 14, 1892.
Rev. Waldron of Fuyallup arrived here on Monday last accompanied by his wife, to take charge of the Christian church, he having been selected to fill Mr. Eshelman's place in the pulpit for the balance of the year. Mr. Waldron has a son residing here who has a ranch in the Sunnyside country. 10-29-91
or less it was apparent that more room must be provided and a new
church built at once. The following year the matter of building took
form, the necessary money was subscribed and the building begun.
It was completed just 18 months after the coming of Dr. Hayden
to the city, at a cost of about $12,500. It is one of the most
beautifully and best designed churches in the state and its size
and appointments being considered.

The last regular pastor in charge of the church before the
incumbent, was Rev. Goodwin. Up to the time of his coming the
church had drawn continuously from the home mission funds
but with his assuming control became self supporting in all
respects including the pastor's salary. The aggregate amount of
contributions at that time to all causes was about $1,400 a year
last year there was raised in this manner about $3,600, $4,000 a
year ago and the year before that $8,000.

The church has now an active local membership of 342. Like the church
the Sunday school had a moderate growth up to a year ago.

There are several adult classes in the school which include in their
membership many of the business men and a large number of
women of North Yakima. Excellent work is being done in
these classes by the teachers among whom are H.K. Sinclair, W.S. Earley,
J.W. Young, J.O. Cull and Prof. N.P. Hull. Mrs. Watt, primary
superintendent for years still holds this important place. The
Prayer meeting, always an index to and aid to spiritual life has
grown through the years until the attendance is often from 50 to
100. Its leading feature is Bible instruction.

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Rev. Hayden was born in Maine on March 18, 1851.
When about 13 he removed with his parents to "is ensin.
Having finished the common school work at the age of 16 he entered...
In the spring of 1900 Mr. Hayden was invited by the Westminster Presbyterian church of Seattle to occupy the pulpit for a few months during which he was called by the state board of the anti-saloon league to accept the secretaryship of that organization. In October he became Presbyterian evangelist for the presbytery of Puget Sound. It was while doing evangelistic work in that capacity that he made his first visit to this city. The needs and possibilities of this field appealed to him and when the unanimous call of the congregation was extended he accepted it. The Yakima Herald, April 12, 1905.
The organ cost the church $2,000. Yakima Herald, Nov. 22, 1905.

The date for the dedication of the new Methodist church has been set for November 26th. Bishop David H. Moore, will have charge of dedicatory services and will preach Sunday morning at 11.

Dr. D.L. Rader of Portland, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate and Dr. John H. Coleman of Salem, president of Willamette University will also be present. All former pastors of the local church have been invited and most of them have sent acceptances.

The new church on which finishing touches are now being made was designed by Architect E.W. Sankey and was built by A.E. Howard. It is a beautiful, commodious and convenient structure. The walls are of sandstone from the famous quarries of Tenino, on the foundation of basalt lava rock. The style is Gothic. The interior is finished in fir and cypress, showing the natural grain. Work on the building was begun nearly a year and a half ago. During this time the Methodist congregation has continued to grow steadily and rapidly.

It is now realized that the new building which will seat about one thousand people, will soon be too large for the growing congregation.

On Friday, November 24th, dedicatory services will begin with a grand inaugural organ recital. Yakima Herald, Nov. 22, 1905.
Miscellany

State Senator Eshelman, formerly of this city but now pastor of the Cooperative church at Tacoma visited friends and relatives here this week.

Several carloads of watermelons were shipped to the Sound from this city during the week. 8-31-93