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PASTOR'S CORNER ?



Dear Friends,

I am not at all sure the old adage is correct - that much fun I am not having, and here it is already March.

The March logo above is backward, but then again, so has the weather been, and neither were something I could control. In fact, March even started a day late this year - blame Sadie Hawkins?



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

changes it) and as a born German Mennonite, the day of itself never had any saintly significance, but it was important - "time to get the 'taters' planted." Then getting the jump on spring, the rest of the seeded garden was planted. Then came the anticipation and joy of new fresh life - even today a great feeling. Why, even before this month began, our peach tree looked almost like a picture blossomed out in pink. So let spring begin.

St. Patrick's Day will still fall on 17 March (unless the government



Spring

Bill Klassen

COMING EVENTS

- 4 Mar. Ash Wednesday (Begin Lent)
- 12 Apr. Palm Sunday
- 16 Apr. Maundy Thurs. (Communion)
- 19 Apr. Easter
- 10 May Mother's Day
- 25 May (Mon.) Memorial Day

Before this gets to the printer Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday will have come and gone, the last bash running into the Lenten season of personal sacrifice. There was a



time when people let this season make a difference in their lives. Do we still? Can we? Should we?

Why should we? We are too busy to change speed, style, or faces, so it would seem logical, and easier for us at that, to live that Lenten spirit through the year - together with the Advent, Christmas and Thanksgiving spirits. As we "work" our way through Lent, we will be looking to Easter and the redemption and forgiveness Jesus bought for us. Should we do less for our fellow "man"? How can we not be forgiving if we love our fellow man? With those realizations of cleansing and new life, the anticipation of the Lenten season and Easter should help us to be joyful, thankful of our heritage.



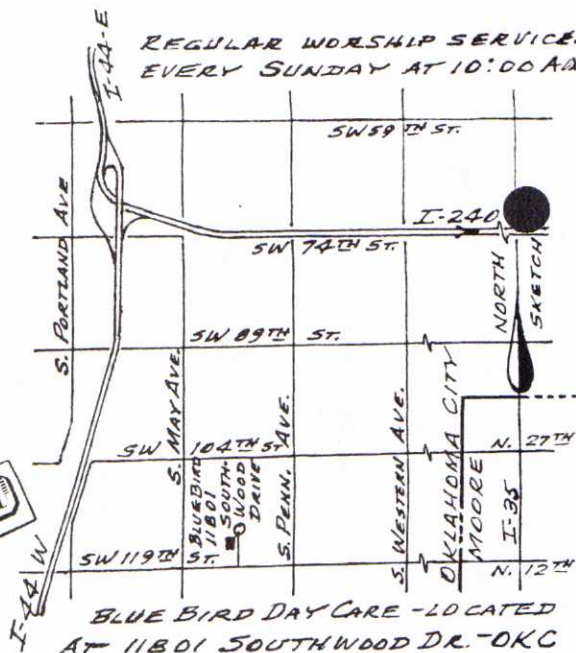
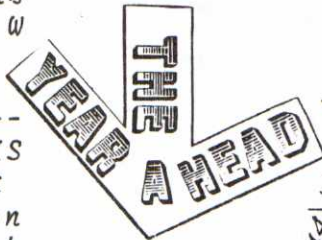
It has been "great news" for us and it was in fact on Sundays. Encouraging and inspiring messages have marked the continuing support of guest ministers and the Western District Conference and the

Oklahoma Convention by those whose names you have read here before. Our sister church from Inman, KS, came down twelve people strong to provide music and message for us - what a great treat. They all strengthen us and we thank God for each and everyone of them.

MINISTERIAL SCHEDULE

With all the support we have been getting, the Sunday scheduling is filling up nicely, but still only a partial schedule including efforts of both the Oklahoma Convention and the Western District Conference, as follows (marked O and W appropriately):

- 8 Mar. Moses Mast
- W 15 Mar. Richard Ratzlaff -----
Pretty Prairie, KS
- O 22 Mar. Chris Atkins - First
Mennonite Church, Clinton
- 29 Mar. Joy Mennonite Church
presents service
- 5 Apr. Moses Mast
- 12 Apr. Joy Mennonite Church
presents service
- 19 Apr.
- O 26 Apr. John Voth - Eden Menn.
Church, Inola
- 3 May Moses Mast
- O 24 May Larry Brashear - New
Hopedale Menn. Ch., Meno



Please note the change in the sketch map referencing I-35 exits to the numbered streets in Moore - Thanks, Inman friends.



On 26 Apr. John Voth and the Bel Choir from the Eden Mennonite Church in Inola, OK will handle the worship service.

Sunday, 24 May, will bring Larry Brashear from New Hopedale Mennonite Church in Meno, OK with special music for their service presentation for us.