

CHURCHES KEEP PACE WITH OTHER CITY ADVANCES

1922 Building Program Called Forth Outlay of \$893,523; All Denominations Take Part.

That the churches of Portland are keeping pace with the rapid growth of the city is evidenced by the 1922 building program of the various denominations. Twenty-three congregations ordered the erection of new structures, most of which are completed; five more added large units to care for rapidly growing needs, and 50 made extensive alterations or repairs in an attempt to modernize or conserve their buildings. The total estimated value of this improvement work given out by the pastors, which in a few instances includes the value of newly acquired property, runs to the total of \$893,523.

This program of activity is not confined to any particular denomination, nor to a few of the larger communions, but is quite generally distributed among the various faiths. The list includes over one-third of the churches of the city.

WORK DISTRIBUTED

Neither is it true that the activity is confined to certain sections of the city, the work being quite evenly distributed, although the largest amount of new church work is to be found in the Mt. Scott district, where four new churches are in course of construction, and a fifth about to begin. The four under way are Arleta Baptist, St. Peter's Catholic, Laurelwood Methodist and United Brethren. The fifth project, which is to be started in the very near future, is the Millard avenue Presbyterian church.

The most expensive enterprise, not including the value of the land, is the First Christian church at Park and Columbia streets, which is being erected at a cost of \$100,000. Efforts are being made to complete this building within the next few weeks, as at present the congregation is without a house of worship.

WORKERS ERECT CHURCH

Counting the value of the property, the most expensive undertaking of the year has been that of the Apostolic Faith Mission at Sixth and Burnside streets. The mission values its plant at \$200,000. Three-fourths of this amount, however, represents the purchase price of the property. A unique feature of this building is that it was erected almost entirely by volunteer labor from the mission. No accurate record was kept of the labor contributed, but the total value of the building was given a minimum value of \$50,000 by mission leaders.

Another large undertaking is that of the Salvation Army Corps No. 1, which purchased a \$70,000 corner at Sixth and Ankeny streets and erected a \$40,000 edifice thereon.

The largest Baptist undertaking is at Arleta, where the Arleta Baptist church is putting up a \$40,000 unit of its \$75,000 church. The Mount Olivet church comes second in this denomination, with the partial erection of a new \$25,000 edifice.

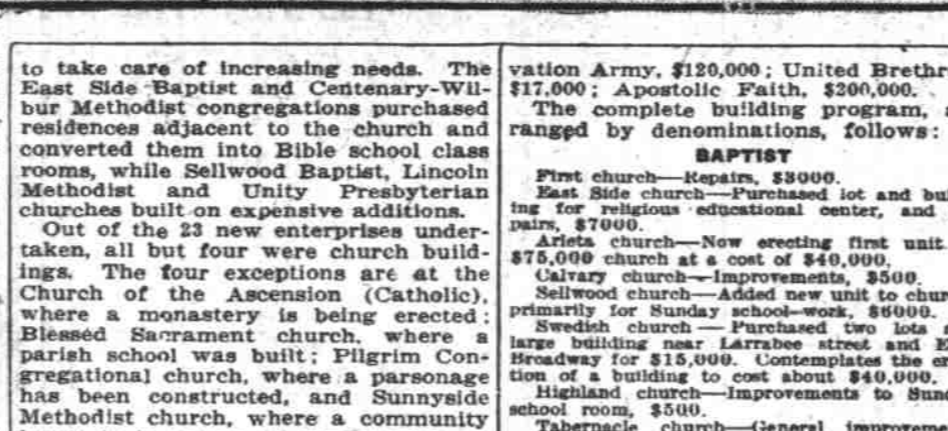
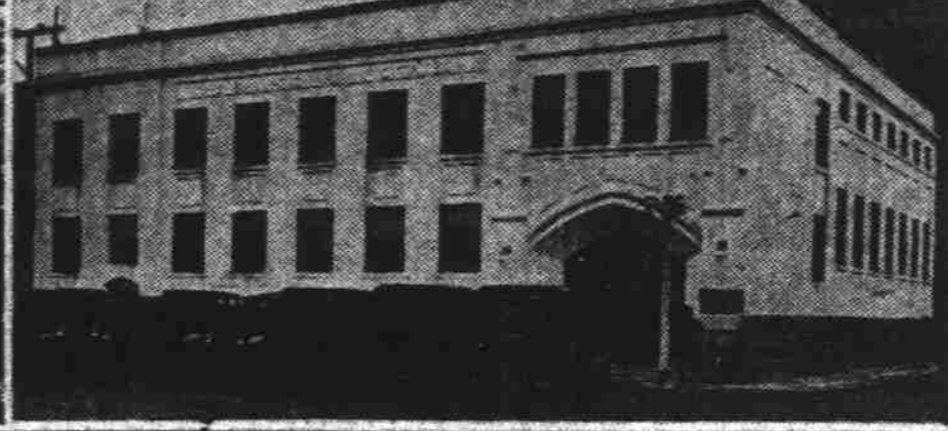
\$88,000 MONASTERY

The Sisters of the Precious Blood lead in the Catholic communion proj-

NEW CHURCH STRUCTURES ARISE ALL OVER CITY DURING 1922



Some of the many religious edifices erected this year. Above, left to right—Apostolic Faith mission, Sixth at Burnside; First Christian church, Park and Columbia. Center, left to right—Pioneer Methodist church, St. Johns; Salvation Army Citadel, Sixth at Ankeny. Below—Moreland Presbyterian, East 18th and Bybee.



to take care of increasing needs. The East Side Baptist and Centenary-Wilbur Methodist congregations purchased residences adjacent to the church and converted them into Bible school class rooms, while Sellwood Baptist, Lincoln Methodist and Unity Presbyterian churches built on expensive additions.

Out of the 23 new enterprises undertaken, all but four were church buildings. The four exceptions are at the Church of the Ascension (Catholic), where a monastery is being erected; Blessed Sacrament church, where a parish school was built; Pilgrim Congregational church, where a parsonage has been constructed, and Sunnyside Methodist church, where a community house is in course of construction.

PLANS FOR 1923

Several congregations unable to get their finances in shape to start work this year, have announced their intention of building during 1923. The eight announcements made to date show a total contemplated expenditure of \$128,500. They are as follows: St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal church, first unit of new church, \$25,000; St. Stephens pro-cathedral, new rectory, \$5000; Church of Our Savior (Episcopal), parish house, \$2000; St. Peter's Episcopal mission, new chapel, \$2000; Sunnyside Methodist church, new parsonage, \$6500; Millard Avenue Presbyterian church, new church, \$20,000, and Third United Brethren, new church, \$20,000.

The 1923 totals for the various denominations are: Baptist, \$108,150; Catholic, \$115,000; Christian, \$108,000; Congregational, \$34,500; Episcopal, \$11,375; Evangelical, \$1813; Lutheran, \$2645; Methodist Episcopal, \$126,590; Methodist Episcopal, south, \$150; Nazarene, \$3300; Presbyterian, \$35,000; Sal-

vation Army, \$120,000; United Brethren, \$17,000; Apostolic Faith, \$200,000.

The complete building program, arranged by denominations, follows:

BAPTIST

First church—Repairs, \$3000.
East Side church—Purchased lot and building for religious educational center, and repairs, \$7000.
Arleta church—Now erecting first unit of \$75,000 church at a cost of \$40,000.
Calvary church—Improvements, \$500.
Sellwood church—Added new unit to church, primarily for Sunday school—work, \$6000.
Swedish church—Purchased two lots and large building near Larabee street and East Broadway for \$15,000. Contemplates the erection of a building to cost about \$40,000.
Highland church—Improvements to Sunday school room, \$500.
Tabernacle church—General improvements to building, \$700.
Unity Park church—Repairs, \$250.
Second German church—Installed pipe organ and improved building, \$8000.
Mount Olivet church (colored)—Now erecting new church to cost \$25,000.
Grace church—Repairs, \$200; purchased additional property, \$900; total, \$1100.
Leeds church—Improvements, \$500.
Third church—Improvements, \$600.

CATHOLIC

St. Peter's church—Now erecting \$10,000 unit of new church to cost \$50,000.
Church of the Ascension—Sisters of the Precious Blood have started erection of new monastery to cost \$80,000.
Blessed Sacrament church—New parish school, \$20,000.
St. Francis church—Repairs and improvements, \$5000.
The Servite Fathers at the Church of the Assumption have announced their intention of erecting a shrine on property already purchased in the St. Johns district, the cost of which will probably be around \$100,000. Nothing will be undertaken, however, during the coming year.

CHRISTIAN

First church—New building, to be ready for occupancy soon, \$100,000.
Kern Park church—Improvements to Sunday school room, \$250.
Englewood church—New building, bungalow type, \$2500.
Sellwood church—Purchased former Na-

mare church, \$2000, and made \$250 worth of repairs; total, \$2250.
Montavilla church—Paid off indebtedness on construction work of previous year, \$3000. The Church of Christ has also raised \$30,000 in pledges toward a new \$50,000 building, but no work will be attempted this coming year.

CONGREGATIONAL

Sunnyside church—New pipe organ, \$11,000.
Pilgrim church—New parsonage erected and repairs to church, \$5000.
Alameda Community church—New church, \$3000.
Atkinson Memorial church—Repairs and improvements, \$500.
Parkside church—New church, \$13,000.
Work outside the city limits, which comes within the Portland city limits, is also being done, but which is not included in the total figure for the city, follows: St. Helena, new church, \$9200; Jennings Lodge, new church, \$9000; Scappoose, new parsonage, \$3000.

EPISCOPAL

St. Stephens—Cathedral—Repairs, \$1500.
Trinity church—Improvements to chancel, \$4000.
St. Marks church—Repairs, \$500.
Church of Our Savior—Repairs to guild room, \$75.
St. James chapel—Purchased Swedish Lutheran church and made improvements, \$1000.
Church of the Transfiguration—Erecting new chapel, \$3000.
St. Paul's church—Repairs, \$300.
Contemplated work for 1923 includes the expenditure of \$20,000 before Easter by St. Michaels and All Angels church, erection of a \$5000 rectory by the pro-cathedral; erection of a \$2000 parsonage by the Church of Our Savior, and erection of a chapel building by St. Peter's mission. Grace Memorial church also has plans for a new building, but the work may not be started during 1923.

EVANGELICAL

Our Savior church—Repairs, \$1500.
St. Paul's church—Repairs, \$150.
Grace English church—Repairs, \$110.
Immanuel Swedish church—Repairs, \$500.
St. John's church—Repairs, \$800.
Bethlehem church—Repairs, \$60.
Bethel Free church—Repairs, \$75.
St. James English church—Repairs, \$500.

METHODIST

Centenary church—New community house and repairs to church building and pipe organ, \$1000.
Central church—Repairs, \$40.
Laurelwood church—Has started work on \$10,000 unit of a \$40,000 edifice.
Lincoln church—Adding a new unit, primarily for Sunday school, to a \$10,000 school and to provide social rooms, \$5500.
Montavilla church—Repairs to church and community house, \$4000.
Mount Tabor church—Repairs and improvements, \$1200.
Sunnyside church—Now erecting a \$35,000 concrete community house. Will soon start work on \$6500 parsonage.
Pioneer church—Erected and dedicated \$30,000 church.
Swedish church—Improvements, \$400.
University Park church—Repairs and improvements, \$500.
Woodlawn church—Improvements, \$200.
Woodstock church—Repairs, \$500.
Fremont Street church—Purchased building lot for \$8500. The lot is paid for and \$7000 in pledges laid up for a \$15,000 building, construction of which is to begin soon.
Bennett chapel—New addition and basement, \$1500.
Bethel African church (colored)—Completed and dedicated new church, \$20,000.
Rose City Park church has ordered plans for a new \$40,000 church, but no work will be attempted for several months.

METHODIST, SOUTH

Methodist church—Purchased property in the city limits, whose work is included with that of Portland but whose figures have not been included with the grand total given above, are: St. Helena church has sold present church property for \$6000 and has purchased a new lot between the business district and depot on which a \$20,000 edifice will be erected; Warrenton has invested \$500 in a parsonage and is planning a \$5000 church; Tigard has a church purchased an additional lot for \$500, and will soon put up a new \$6000 building; Oak Grove has moved old building, remodelled it, and added Sunday school rooms at a cost of \$7500.

NAZARENE

Sellwood church—Purchased former Spokane Avenue Presbyterian church for \$5000 and made \$200 worth of repairs; total, \$5200.
Brentwood church—New electric light system, \$100.
Mount Tabor church—Improvements to pro-

vide additional Sunday school room, \$2000.
Vernon church—Improvements, \$1500.
Unity church—Added new unit, \$4000.
Moreland church—Erected and dedicated new church, \$75,000.
Rose City Park church—Improvements, \$4000. This church is considering the erection of a Sunday school building to care for the needs of a growing Bible school.
Millard Avenue church—Purchased a half block for \$1800 as site for new church; spent \$200 in repairs on present church, and paid out \$100 on taxes; total, \$2100. During 1923 expect to erect \$20,000 church.
Central church—Started to start erection of new church in Laurelhurst district early in spring. Minimum cost will probably be \$20,000.

SALVATION ARMY

Corps No. 1—Erected new Citadel at Sixth and Ankeny streets, \$110,000.
Corps No. 2—Erected new temple at Burnside street and Michigan avenue, \$10,000.

UNITED BRETHREN

Fourth church—New church in course of construction, \$17,000.
Third church—Present plans call for erection of \$20,000 building during 1923.

MISSIONS

Apostolic Faith—New building at Sixth and Burnside streets, \$200,000.

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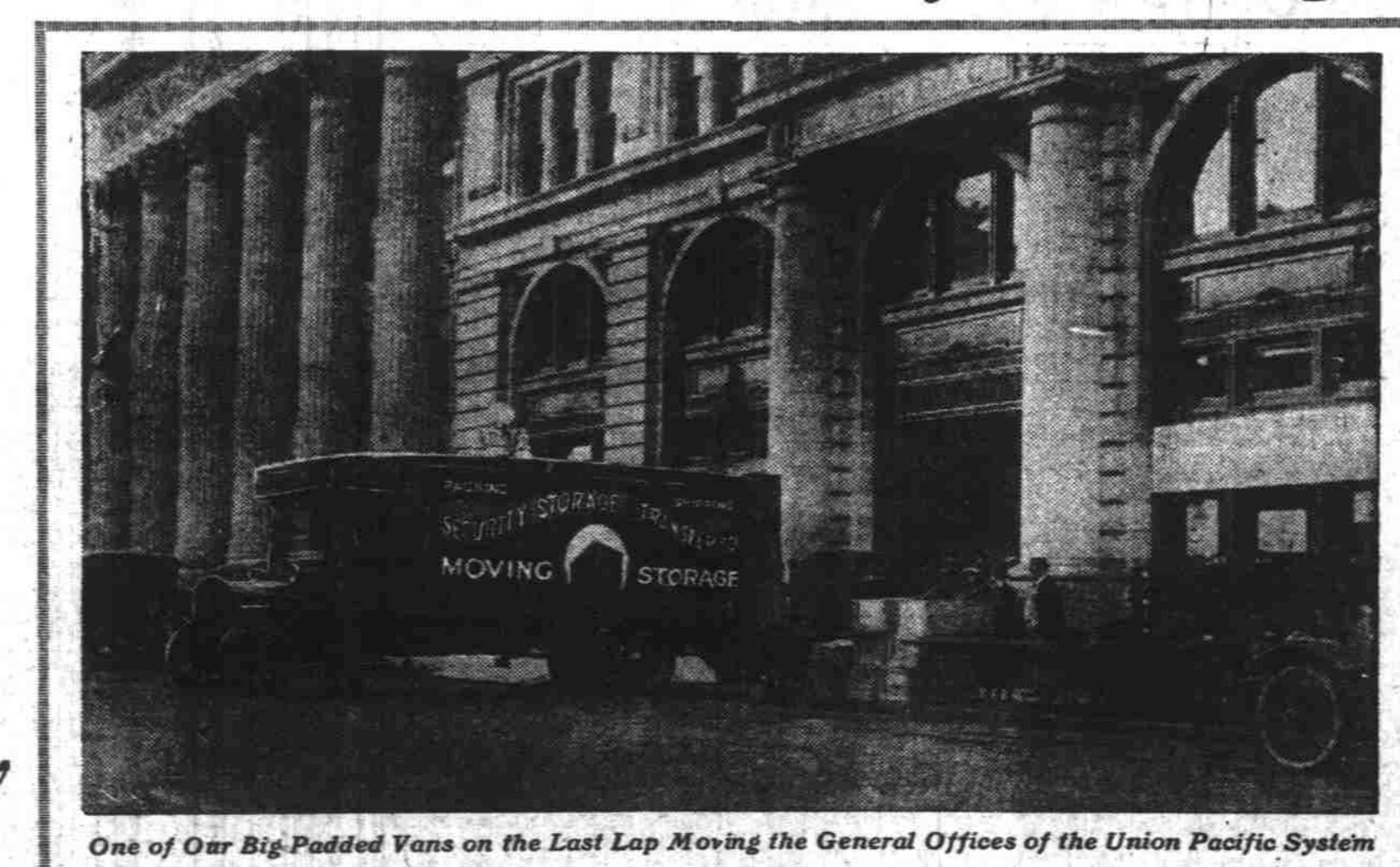
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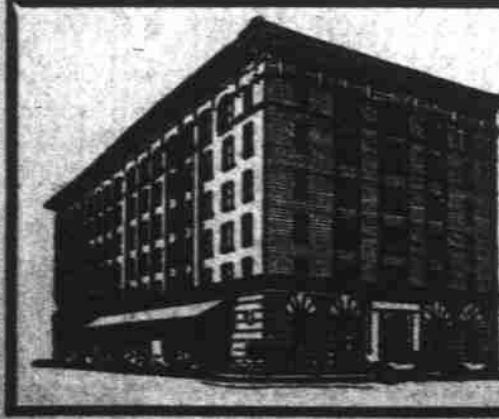
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