

The old St. Joseph's Church (shown above) long a Salem landmark, will be razed soon to make way for erection of a new parish house and auditorium. The wooden structure, which could seat 600 when it was built 66 years ago, has not been used for worship since a new parish church was constructed several years ago. Barely discernible in background is Sacred Heart Academy steeple. (Statesman Photo)

## Church's Razing to Mark Era's Passing

An era of Catholic progress in Salem will pass when the old, wooden structure formerly used as St. Joseph's Church is razed soon to make way for a new rectory and auditorium.

The church was built in 1889 at the corner of Chemeketa and N. Cottage streets on what was then called "Piety Hill." Actually it was the young parish's second church. The first was dedicated on April 10, 1864, to St. John the Evangelist. But when the new church was constructed in 1889 it was placed under the patronage of St. Joseph because there already was a church at Oregon City named after St. John.

Father White  
Father J. S. White was pastor of the new church. At that time there were four other parishes in Marion County—the oldest at St. Paul. Others were at St. Louis, Gervais (which served Brooks parish) and the Benedictine Abbey at Mt. Angel.

Sacred Heart Academy, adjacent to the church, had been founded in 1863 and by 1889 had an enrollment of "eighty day scholars and

thirty boarders" under the Sisters of the Holy Names.

The linen used in the service of the altar of the first and present churches in those early days were made by Mother Veronica and one of her companions.

**Church Blessed**  
Archbishop Gross blessed the new church March 24, the third Sunday of Lent. The Statesman at that time carried a lengthy story. The reporter noted that the Archbishop's sermon lasted 40 minutes, but the paper printed the full text.

One of the highlights was music furnished by the 18-piece Mt. Angel band.

The parish house, which also is to be razed, was built by Father White in 1893. A local newspaper of the time referred to it as "a valuable addition to the magnificent property on the hill."

**Increasing Need**  
Under the Rev. Theodore Bernards, who came to St. Joseph's in 1934, there was felt the increasing need for a new and more fitting church structure. Under his direction and later under that of the Rev. Joseph E. Vanderbeck

## New Comet Discovered

MOUNT PALOMAR, Cal. (UP)—A new comet has been discovered in the heavens by astronomers at the Mount Palomar Observatory, the National Geographic Society said Wednesday.

The comet is of the 17th magnitude and cannot be seen with the naked eye. It was discovered March 22 by Dr. Robert G. Harrington and Dr. George O. Abell while they were making a photographic sky survey, the society said.

### TO SELL BOTTLING PLANT

PORTLAND (UP)—The Oregon Liquor Commission Tuesday voted to sell one of its surplus bottling plants for \$5000 to Hood River Distillers, Inc. The sale included an agreement to purchase 700 cases of Oregon-made vodka for \$19,285.

who succeeded Father Bernards in August, 1950, a new St. Joseph's Church was built and dedicated March 19, 1953. The old church and rectory are being evacuated this week. They will be torn down to make way for the new rectory and auditorium.

## Check Due on Yellow Dwarf Onion Disease

While April 1 is the legal deadline for the annual cleanup program for onion yellow dwarf disease control in the Lake Labish district, checking for compliance will not begin until Monday, D. L. Rasmussen, Marion County extension agent, said this week.

Rasmussen reported that 45 growers attended a meeting called by the advisory committee to reaffirm their support of the control program. Growers and others within the district defined by the control area order must destroy onions from the previous crop in order to protect the new crop to be planted from seed.

Refuse onions should be burned, hauled outside of the boundaries of the control district, or otherwise destroyed before Monday, Rasmussen said. Dumping of onions within the control district is prohibited at all times, he added. The control area order makes provisions for growers who may have unsold onions on hand by the deadline.

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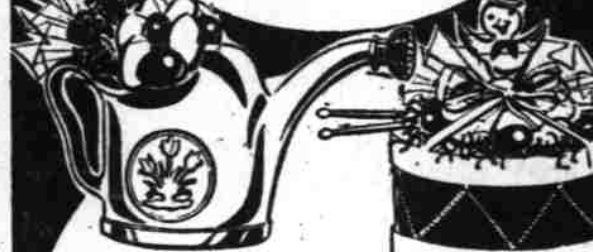
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