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Spiritual Diary for Lent

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day upon day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

The spacious firmament on high, With all the blue ethereal sky, And spangled heavens, a shining frame, Their great Original proclaim.

Today's Message

When a man complains about the problems which harass his everyday life and begins to think that perhaps he has been singled out for misfortune, I would recommend that he step out into the night and let his eyes rest for a while on the sparkling Heaven above him.

In the vast stretch of eternity which has no beginning and no end; where measure-

ments are based on the distance that light can travel in the space of a year; where the whole Earth is but a fleck of dust—it will be difficult for him to continue to believe that either he or his problems are so important.

A man need not be alone in his problems nor need he feel that there is no solution. To the Almighty all things are possible and His help is promised to each of us.

—JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director, FBI.

Today's Prayer

Let us give pause to meditate in our darkest hours; let us scan the firmament of night, regard the moon and stars, and know that He will dissolve the darkness to give us light. Amen.

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St. Alice Congregation Proud Of Fine New School Building

By VERA HANSEN

Everyone present at the dedication of St. Alice Catholic School Sunday was given a 75-page booklet telling of Catholic progress in Springfield from the day in November 1920 when first classes were held in what is now 991 Q Street to the present church and school buildings at 15th and F.

These people and others, many of them immigrants from the Ukraine, founded a Religious Vacation School which has expanded into a large part of national Catholic activity. In 17 years the movement has grown to 7,112 vacation schools, 21,000 teachers and 549,000 pupils.

In the summer of 1945 four and one half acres of land were purchased at the present location. Quoting from the booklet, "with full cooperation between Very Reverend Francis F. Leipzig, pastor of St. Mary's in Eugene (now Bishop of Baker) and Father Louis Sohler, the new pastor of Springfield, who was also trying to be full time assistant at Eugene, plans for the new parish were soon being formulated.

Other speeches were made by Most Reverend Edward D. Howard, Archbishop of Portland, and Most Reverend Francis P. Leipzig, Bishop of Baker. Several other Catholic church leaders were present. In September, Sisters of Mercy from Merion, Pa., expect to open an eight grade school in the four classroom structure which has rest rooms and furnace facilities for a much larger school. The nuns will live across from the school, in a residence which has been purchased only recently for them.

Corresponding to the growth of the church in general has been the expansion of its Altar Society. Mrs. Kenneth Wiley is general president of the several divisions now in operation. While men members of the parish donated labor on the building, the women kept telephones busy reminding them of progress and work schedules, and fed them on work days.

After the ceremonies Sunday division B, known as St. Beatrice group, served refreshments from a beautiful table covered with lace and centered with a piece of pink and white tulips, daffodils and acacia. Tall tapers in silver candlesticks complemented a silver service used by Mrs. Peter Rodakowski and Mrs. Gus DeVos, who poured. Mrs. Hartley Kneeland, chairman of the division, and Mrs. E. W. McWilliams were co-chairmen for the event.

Mayor Ed Harms praised the "Good Citizenship" example set for other people in the community by the "builders" of the school and emphasized the gratitude all should have because they live in a community where any group may build, educate and worship as they please.

The Zion Hill Singers, of Seattle, who have been assisting Antioch Baptist Church with their building fund, have raised about \$300 so far, of their \$9,000 goal. They plan to spend the next two weeks in a series of benefit appearances in Southern Oregon, for the fund, after which they will spend another two weeks singing in the Eugene area for the fund, then to California for television appearances, for the fund.

Prof. J. Carroll Owen, member of the group, says that they now have recording equipment so they can cut records of favorite numbers on request, proceeds from the sale of these specially-made records going to the fund. Any church wishing to engage the singers should phone Owen at 4-7285.

Adjacent to the Youth Center is a refreshment nook where light luncheons can be prepared for social events and receptions. Consideration has been given to the kiddies inasmuch as this is a building especially for youth, and some plumbing fixtures are placed at a level where they can be easily reached by tiny tots.

Celebrating the opening of this new unit, the pastor, Rev. E. Elsworth Krogstad, announces a series of Youth Conference and revival meetings with the Rev. C. Morse Ward of Bakersfield, Calif., who will minister Monday, Feb. 23, through Sunday, March 1. There will be a Young People's Rally on Monday evening with representatives present from ten churches in this area.

The Sunday school, which has an enrollment of 500, is beginning a contest between the men and the women with an object of building its attendance to the 600 mark by Easter.

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THE FOLKS who appear in this picture will always remember how the wind blew and the rain came down, last Sunday, but stormy or not, they enjoyed the ground-breaking service, and everybody took a turn at the shovel. The scene is the corner of Eighteenth and Polk Streets, looking east. The Free Methodist Church will build a contemporary-styled stucco structure, the first unit of their pre-

ment church home. Kneeling under the sign are the Rev. Wesley Graves, pastor of the Springfield Church, and his son, Jerry, and Carl Barnes, chairman of the building committee. Further along the line, kneeling, can be seen the Rev. Wendell Hawley, pastor of the local congregation, and in the background, various members of the building committee, and families of the congregation.

Union Service at First Christian

By MARGARET BENSTON

Good Friday services will be at the First Christian Church this year, 12 noon to 3 p.m. Dr. Carroll C. Roberts, host minister, will conduct the rite, and seven other ministers will present the seven last sayings of Jesus. The service commemorates the actual period of time Jesus spent on the cross. The custom is for persons of all Christian faith to slip quietly into the church for as much time as they can spend, whether for only one "word" or for the whole service.

Arrangements for the union Lenten service are made annually by the Eugene Ministerial Association, and this year's plans were announced at their recent monthly meeting.

The ministers also heard a report on the recent leadership training course sponsored by the (interdenominational) Council of Religious Education, which trained some 85 church workers from 21 different denominations. They set a social dinner for "get-acquainted" purpose, for April. Ministers and their wives will attend it.

The ministers considered three moral issues: They heard Phil Gent, representing the Knights of Columbus, describe an effort sponsored by the Knights and other Catholic groups, to persuade retailers and wholesalers of popular literature to "clean up" their stocks of pornographic and other sensational influences.

President Duane Muth was appointed to represent the Ministerial Assn. at a dinner meeting at the KC Hall, Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m., and the association unanimously passed a resolution to approve and cooperate with the project.

A letter from the Women's Christian Temperance Union was examined. It urged the ministers to use their influence against House Bill 95, which would establish local option on the liquor-by-the-drink issue. Opposition of the WCTU is based on the provision in the bill that a local option election must be called if 15% of the voters signed a petition. Formerly only 10% has been required in legislation of the sort.

Joe Garske appeared to ask support of the ministers in a citizens' effort to improve conditions for children of divorced parents, and President Muth was delegated to confer further on the subject with Herman Hendershott, president of the local Bar Association, and report back at the next Ministerial Assn. meeting.

Assembly of God Celebrates Completion of Youth Building

The First Assembly of God, Eugene, will dedicate their new \$75,000 Youth Education Building this coming Sunday in impressive services at which the Rev. Atwood Foster, State Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, will preach and officiate in the act of dedication.

The building was begun last August and has been rushed to completion. In addition to containing the utilities for the new church sanctuary, which will shortly be constructed, the main floor houses a beautiful Youth Chapel finished in Oriental ash, cork, with a corner fireplace, and floor to ceiling windows on one wall and a beam ceiling.

On the second floor there are two Sunday school assembly rooms, each accommodating 75 and surrounded by classrooms. Every classroom is finished with new steel folding chairs, a desk for the teacher, and a combination blackboard, tackboard and flannelgraph for visual-aid teaching. Cabinets are provided for storage of class material and a small door opening through the wall permits the transfer of records and Sunday School papers without interruption.

Asphalt tile is featured on all floors throughout the building and in each classroom a different pattern and color lends interest to the environment, and is introduced by a color block in the floor just outside the entrance door.

Radiant heat is featured throughout the building and operates automatically on daily time clocks regulating each floor.

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Advertisement for the First Church of the Nazarene, 8th & Madison. Services include 9:45 A.M. Sunday School, 11:00 Morning Worship, 6:30 P.M. Youth Services, and 7:30 P.M. Evening Services. Pastor Duane E. Muth.

Layman, Priest Share "Pulpit" On KERG's "Church"

Layman's Sunday in the Presbyterian Church will be observed on KERG-CBS Radio's "Church of the Air" Sunday, Feb. 22.

The early (7-7:30 a.m.) speaker will be Thomas Whiteman, president of the National Council of Presbyterian Men and member of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, Conn. He speaks on "Christianity and Patriotism."

The service will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. John L. Bates, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich. The Gothic Choir, with Ralph Hunter director and organist, will provide the musical portion of the service.

Cardinal John H. Newman, 19th century founder of the National Newman Club Federation, will be honored during the 60th anniversary observance of the National Newman Club Federation on the second portion of the program, 7:30 to 8.

Father Paul J. Hallinan, national chaplain of the National Newman Club Federation, will address the devotional radio audience on "The Cardinal and the Campus." Father Hallinan's address is inspired by the history of the Newman Clubs, which Cardinal Newman founded in 1893 at the University of Pennsylvania. The Clubs have spread to the campuses of almost all nonsectarian colleges in the country.

"No Sin to Be Pretty" Say Religious Leaders

An exciting new series of television films uses feminine pulchritude to sell religion for the first time, reports the current issue of People Today magazine. "This Is the Life," rated the most televised program in the world, is seen on 67 stations, representing all networks, and beating even the popular "I Love Lucy" series which is only seen on 64.

Officials of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, using the logical idea that if beautiful girls can sell magazines, toothpaste and cigarettes they can sell religion too, decided to launch an unusual \$500,000 series of 26 television films which dramatize simple moral truths, without sermonizing, as they affect an average American home. And because most American homes are populated by pretty girls this TV series doesn't try to hide them. TV viewers want to be entertained—and there's no better way than watching pretty girls, decided this group of churchmen, continues People Today.

Professionally written, acted and filmed in Hollywood and distributed in cooperation with the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the stories tell about the romances, tragedies and struggles in the life of the typical "Fisher" family. Some of the actresses wear low-cut, form-fitting blouses and light sweaters, but "they don't look promiscuous—just normal, healthy and attractive," says People Today. "After all, it's no sin to be pretty."

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Advertisement for Southern Baptist Temple Baptist Church, 23th & Harris Street. Services include Sunday School, Preaching Service, Training Union, and Evening Service.

Advertisement for Old Fashioned Revival at United Pentecostal Church, 14th & B St., Springfield. Features evangelist Alvina Sawley every night except Monday at 7:30 P.M.

Advertisement for a Warm Welcome Is Yours at Lighthouse Temple, 1209 Olive Street. Services include Sunday School, Morning Worship, Overcomer Groups, and Evangelistic Service.

Advertisement for Rev. Verl Stearns, Missionary Appointee to French Guinea, Africa. Services on Tuesday at 7:30.

Advertisement for "The Sin God Never Forgives" and "The Hour of Prophecy" at Garden Chapel, 13th and Polk, Eugene. Services on Sunday at 7:00 P.M.

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ST. ALICE Catholic Church of Springfield is most happy over the new school building, dedicated last Sunday. Above, left to right, the Rev. Louis Sohler, St. Alice pastor; the Most Reverend Francis P. Leipzig, Bishop of Baker and former pastor of Eugene St. Mary's Church; the Most Reverend Edward D. Howard, Archbishop of Portland; Guy Lee, assistant superintendent of schools, Springfield; Edward Harms, mayor of Springfield. Below, a view of the new school building.

