

American Churches Suffering From Priest, Preacher Shortage

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United Press Correspondent
Washington — (U.P.) — America's churches are suffering from a serious shortage of priests and preachers, a survey showed today.

Both in the Roman Catholic church and in major Protestant denominations, officials reported that the demand for clergymen far exceeds the supply. Thousands of churches in all parts of the country are forced to get along without full-time pastors.

The deficit of trained ministers has been growing steadily more acute for the past decade, under the impact of a nation-

wide boom in church membership.

Despite strenuous current efforts to enlarge seminaries and to recruit more young men for ministerial careers, the situation seems likely to get worse before it gets better. The number of men graduating each year from seminaries is hardly sufficient to meet present replacement needs, let alone staff the thousands of new churches which will be built during the next few years to accommodate a continuing growth in membership.

Laborers Few
Figures from representative denominations showed how today's churches are re-learning

the truth of Christ's plaint that "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

According to the official Catholic directory, Catholic membership in the United States increased nearly 36 per cent in the decade between 1945 and 1955. But the number of priests increased only 22 per cent. There was one priest for every 623 American Catholics in 1945. Today, the ratio is approximately one to 700.

The National Council of Churches says about 6500 men graduate annually from all U.S. Protestant seminaries. A conservative estimate of the number required to serve the expanding churches is 10,000 a year.

Protestant Needs
The largest Protestant denomination, the Methodist church, alone needs at least 1200 new ministers a year to replace those who die or retire, plus another 1600 for church expansion. Its accredited seminaries are now furnishing less than a third of this number.

The rapidly-growing Southern Baptist convention, the second largest Protestant denomination, reported that at any given time 2500 of its local churches are without pastors, and an additional 9000 have only part-time pastors.

In the Episcopal church, the shortage of clergymen for local pulpits has grown from 688 in 1952 to 806 this year. The United Lutheran church said its deficit of ministers is accumulating at the rate of 100 a year. Other denominations told a similar story.

Protestant and Catholic leaders agreed that the trend can be reversed only by an earnest, long-range effort to encourage more American youths to dedicate their lives, to full-time Christian service.



YOUR GIRL—Bobbie Brown doesn't have to be afraid to go near the water with all this protection. She was recently voted Miss Pacific Tourist of 1956. That intriguing suit was created by California's John Gantner.

The Family Council

(Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, a newspaper editor, a women's page editor and two newspaper writers. These consult with clergymen of all faiths and denominations. All letters are held in complete confidence.)

ETHEL—He is sowing belated wild oats.

BEN—She judges me by her standards.

ETHEL—My husband, after 15 years of marriage, has suddenly decided he must now his full share of wild oats, something he feels he missed out on before marriage. I had made the stupid mistake of being honest with him and telling him about a pre-marriage involvement of mine that I regretted.

Now he prowls about town as if it were his sacred right and duty, and he throws up to me the confession I gave him every time I dare to remonstrate with him.

We have three children and we live in a community where our private lives are more or less exposed to public notice and discussion. But Ben can't seem to understand that he threatens the future of his children when he so childishly indulges himself.

BEN—My wife is judging me by her own standards. I have not been guilty of any unfaithfulness, but I have enjoyed the company of people who do not regard me as a consolation prize or a second-rater.

For 15 years, I have lived with a woman who married me because her other affair blew up. She has never given me the respect or affection that a man wants, but I have stuck it out for the sake of the children. I refuse, however, to be held in solitary confinement with the argument that "people will talk." I have a right to an occasional pleasant evening, and I do not pretend to be an unmarried man when I go out.

THE COUNCIL: Ben is feeling sorry for himself and is in effect staging a strike demonstration against his wife because he feels that she is not catering to his ego sufficiently. He has recalled her early confession in order to punish her, as well as to justify his "prowling."

After 15 years of married life and three children, certain strains and tensions inevitably develop, and life cannot be a day-to-day adventure of pleasure and romance. Ben is offended and outraged because Ethel does not constantly adore him, but he overlooks the fact that he also behaves in a humdrum manner.

Ben craves romance and excitement as he enters middle age, but he does not think of seeking these satisfactions in his own home, where an occasional gift or attention might bring him far more reward than in his questionable circles.

Should Be Honest
These two people should be honest, each with himself, and

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then with each other in order to realize how much they have to gain and how much they have to lose. The bitter tones that creep into the discussion on both sides should serve as warning of the very real danger of a marriage catastrophe.

The remedy, on the other hand, may be very simple. Let Ben try bringing home a pair of theater tickets or some other pleasant surprise, and see whether it will not work wonders. Ben is looking for trouble, instead of looking for happiness, and he may find what he is looking for all too soon.

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4-H Club News

Westside Club
The Westside 4-H Cooking club met at the home of Colleen Franek, and she demonstrated how to make an angel food cake. Nancy Barnes called the meeting to order. The next meeting will be May 2 at Judy Gebhard's home at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments were served.

Colleen Franek, Reporter

Applegate Club
Mary Herriot was hostess to the Applegate Knitting club April 10. We held our meeting and worked on our projects. Gwen Krouse is to give a demonstration on how to use make-up. The next meeting is to be held at Lucie Sims' home on April 24.

Jean Rowden, Reporter

Butte Falls Sewing Club
A group of Butte Falls girls met April 4 to sew and worked on scarfs for the county fair and had refreshments.

Carolyn Fuiten, Reporter

Phoenix Tractor Club
The use of a micrometer on pistons and cylinders was demonstrated by T. W. Carter, leader, at a meeting at his home. He said the cylinder was larger at the bottom than the top because "it wasn't broken in right."

Members Charles Swingle and Henry Scott are going to give demonstrations at a coming Grange meeting.

Jim Martin, Reporter

Antelope 4-H Livestock Club
A successful box social was held by Antelope 4-H Livestock club at its meeting at the Eagle Point Grange hall April 13. Members and leaders decided the club would furnish a Jackson County member with a 4-H summer school scholarship of \$25.

The club also plans to enter a float in the Pear Blossom festival. On the committee are Miss Linda Malloroy, David Woolfolk, Eob Hayes, Tom Perdue and Ronnie Anderson.

County 4-H Club Agent Glenn Klein and members who want to the Cow Palace gave a short report. After the meeting the Forestry members gave a skit and the boxes were sold.

The next meeting will be a tour of the members' projects at their homes May 26. Tour committee members are Bob Hayes, Ronnie Anderson, Judy Bradshaw and Linda Malloroy.

Jo Anna Malloroy, Reporter

Accidents Kill Two In Portland Area

Portland—(U.P.)—Two persons met accidental death in Oregon Saturday and Sunday, both in the Portland area.

Roger Earl Shannahan, 25, Beaverton, was killed Saturday when a tractor he was operating flipped over on him.

Joseph C. Lambert, 25, Portland, was killed near Gresham early Sunday when the car he was driving struck a power pole.

BRIDGE DAMAGED

Dayton, Ohio—(U.P.)—Richard Bielefeld and three passengers were uninjured Sunday when their car smashed into a bridge. Damage to the bridge was estimated at \$175,000.

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Marine Riflemen Salute Ernie Pyle

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Marine riflemen today broke the silence over peaceful Ie Island in a salute to war correspondent Ernie Pyle who was killed in a battle there 11 years ago.

Nearly 700 American servicemen and civilians boarded two army landing craft and three Okinawan ferries early this morning to make the pilgrimage of some 48 miles to the tiny island.

Eight floral wreaths were laid at the marker that honors the grave of the American newspaperman who wrote about the GI's war in Africa, Europe and Asia and died April 18, 1945, as a battle raged around him.

On the grass plot, which is cared for by natives of Ie-Shima, is a marker erected by American GI's.

It reads: "At this spot the 77th Infantry Division lost a buddy, Ernie Pyle, 18 April 1945."

Home Transactions Told By Official of Agency

Several home sales were announced today by Ken Callison of the Medford branch, Southern Oregon Land company.

The home of the late Chris Williamson at 412 Plum St., was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bradford, 333 Maple St., who are redecorating the residence before moving there. The Leonard Dusenberrys, DeBarr ave., have purchased the former home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schiro, 514 Beatty St. The Schiros bought a new home on Madrona lane through the same firm.

Remains of Ancient Turtle Uncovered

The Dalles—(U.P.)—The bones of a turtle which died five to ten million years ago were uncovered Saturday near The Dalles by geologists.

Sam Sargent, Army engineers geologist, described it "as one of the most significant geological discoveries in the past several years in this area."

The remains uncovered included the back shell, bottom shell and at least two leg bones of the turtle. The partial back shell unearthed measured approximately two and one half feet long.

Sargent has collected several other important fossils in the area during the past year, including a camel and three toed and one toed horses.

His most recent discovery was made about six miles southeast of The Dalles.

The U.S. has about 1,000 residential fires every day.

Portland Woman Named Mrs. Oregon

Portland—(U.P.)—Mrs. Chris Maletis Jr., Portland, was named as Mrs. Oregon here Saturday over finalists from seven districts throughout the state in the home-making competition.

With the title, Mrs. Maletis picked up more than \$1000 in prizes. She and her husband will leave by plane May 2 for Ormond Beach, Fla., to compete for the Mrs. America title and some \$15,000 in prizes.



ROBBED—Thieves have stolen \$50,000 worth of jewels from the hotel room of Philadelphia publisher Matthew McCloskey (above), one of the guests at the Grace Kelly-Prince Rainier wedding in Monaco. It was the first big robbery reported since society figures began gathering in the tiny principality.

Klamath Carpenters To Return To Jobs

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—Striking carpenters were to return to their jobs today, pending action by both the union and employers on a recommendation made by the federal mediation service Saturday.

H. W. Waits, president of the Klamath Falls Building Trades Council, asked all carpenters to report to their jobs today as well as members of allied trades who walked out two weeks ago in support of the carpenter's demand for a \$3 per hour wage. The existing scale was \$2.80 per hour.

Union representatives met with Commissioner George Walker of the federal mediation service Saturday. Employers are scheduled to meet Wednesday to discuss his proposal.

No details of Walker's recommendations were made public. The work stoppage two weeks ago idled about 120 carpenters and 80 members of allied trades.

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