

Roman Catholic Parochial Schools Teach 12% of America's Children

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Roman Catholic parochial schools are now educating about 12 per cent of America's children.

If these Catholic schools closed their doors, the already over-crowded public school system would have to find classrooms and teachers for an additional 4,600,000 students.

Do these facts constitute a valid argument for public financial support of church-operated schools?

Many Catholics believe they do. Many non-Catholics emphatically disagree. Both sides have been expressing their views with increasing vigor in recent months. Although no immediate showdown is in sight, the controversy is clearly building up a head of steam.

Catholics contend that the parochial school system has become an integral part of American education; that it is performing an essential public function by educating millions of children for whom there is no room in the public schools.

Save Taxpayers Money
They say parochial schools are saving U.S. taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars a year, and that it is only fair that some of this money be returned to the Catholic parents who pay for this auxiliary school system through tuition fees and contributions.

Some non-Catholics are sympathetic to this argument. But others agree with the position taken by the National Council of Churches, largest U.S. Protestant organization.

The council contends that the full cost of supporting private school systems should be borne "by those who choose to maintain them." Any direct or indirect government support of religious schools, it says, would be as repugnant to the Constitution as a federal subsidy for churches.

The Supreme court has ruled on several occasions that the First Amendment to the Constitution—the "separation of church and state" amendment—prohibits use of tax funds for direct support of church-operated schools.

But it has also ruled, in the Everson case of 1947, that the Constitution does not bar a state from providing free school bus transportation for parochial students. The court took the position that this is a service that the government renders, not to the religious school itself, but to the individual children who attend it.

A growing number of Catholics believe that this doctrine justifies other forms of government aid to parochial students or their parents.

Asks Tax Credit
One proposal widely publicized in the Catholic press was put forward by the Rev. Virgil C. Blum, a professor at Marquette university. He suggested that the constitutional problem could be side-stepped either by a "tax credit" for parents who pay tuition at pa-

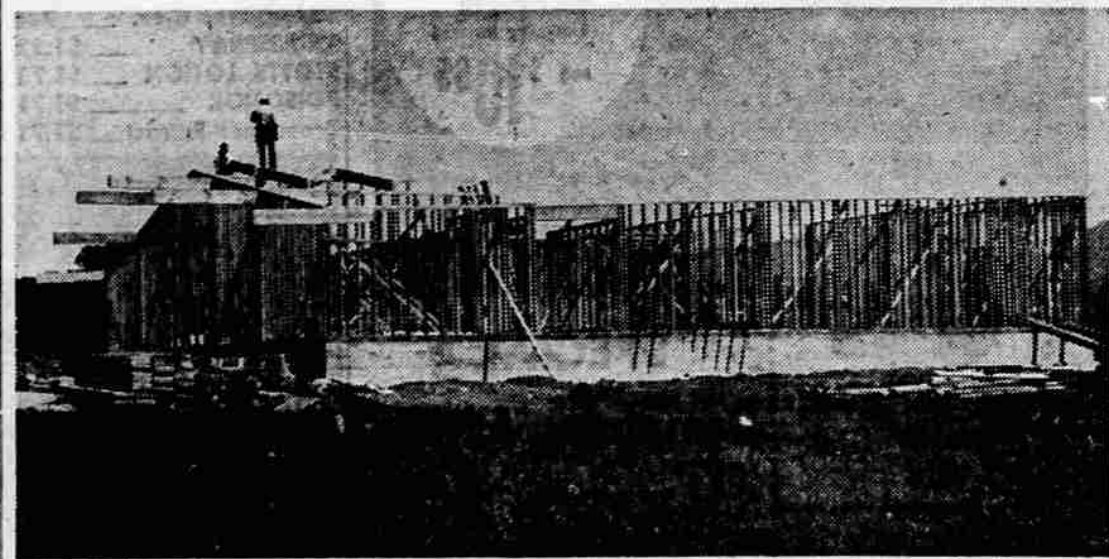
rochial or private schools, or by cash government subsidies to the individual children who attend such schools.

The tax credit idea has been incorporated in nearly a score of bills introduced in Congress

this year. None of them have reached the stage of committee action, however.

Most Catholic educators are concentrating on a more immediate goal. They want to make sure that Catholic

schools and students participate in any federal aid to education that is enacted by Congress this year. Resolutions to that effect have been adopted by three Catholic educational groups in the past few months.



CONSTRUCTION BEGINS—Construction of St. Luke's Methodist church is under way at the building location at the end of Siskiyou blvd. The educational unit, now being constructed, will cost \$40,000. The church, sponsored by First Methodist church here in 1956, started with 55 charter members. It now has a membership of 81 persons.

The congregation is currently worshipping in Bigham hall, at the fairgrounds, but expects to begin services in the new building next month. This building is one of four scheduled to be constructed during the next five years. The pastor is the Rev. Melvin Dixon.

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CHURCH NEWS

National Religious Publicity Council

Nazarene Missionary Convention to Convene in Medford Monday

Mrs. Harold Priddy, Portland, state president of the Oregon Pacific District Nazarene Foreign Missionary society, will preside at the state convention of the society to be held at the First Church of the Nazarene here. Nearly 500 delegates from throughout western Oregon will meet to represent the 72 churches in the annual Missionary convention, which will start Monday, May 19, at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Priddy will conclude five years of service as district president and will leave

full-time missionaries in 33 foreign countries.

In 1952 Mr. Rehfeldt visited England, Portugal, South Africa, the Near East and Italy and spoke at conventions in Leeds, England, and Acornhoek, South Africa.

Mr. Rehfeldt has been teaching in the Nazarene Bible college in Tokyo since 1952. Before their appointment as missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Helling studied at Northwest Nazarene college, Nampa, Idaho, graduating from there in 1944.

Youth Skit

Medford teenage Missionary members will present a Missionary skit Monday, May 19, at the convention.

The skit is being given to present to the convention the teenage project for the coming year. Each year the teenage chapters pledge money to send something needed to one of the mission fields; this year they have chosen to send a refrigerator to the Knox family in New Guinea.

Young people taking part in the skit include Ron Warner, president of the local teenage chapter; Frank James, Mary Stiehl, Mel Stiehl, Frances Plant and Connie Hurn.

Last year at the convention, the Medford teenage chapter led the entire district in pledging \$125 to help purchase printing equipment for the Cape Verde Islands.

The young people earned the money by participating in such activities as washing cars, raking leaves and collecting scrap iron.

Coffee Hour Set At Congregational

There will be a coffee time at the Congregational church Sunday between the two services in honor of the new members who have been received since the first of the year. It will be held under the large oak tree in front of the buildings. All friends of the church are invited. Those who go to the 11 a.m. service should plan to attend 15 minutes early.

The annual session of the Congregational Conference of Oregon will be held at Eugene starting Monday evening. Delegates from the Medford church, nominated by the nominating committee, will be ratified at the two church services Sunday. This will be the last conference at which Dr. Paul A. Davis will be serving as the minister and superintendent. His successor will be chosen by the conference at this meeting, to take office at the end of the year.

PHOENIX SERMONS
Phoenix—"Waiting" will be the topic of the 11 a.m. Sunday sermon at First Baptist church, Phoenix, by the Rev. Perry M. Johnson. At 7:30 p.m. he will speak on "The Lost Chord."



REV. REMISS REHFELDT
National Officer Here

directly after the convention to join her husband in Winchester, Ind., where he is the newly installed pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene.

The convention will continue through May 23 when the general assembly meeting will begin. At the assembly, which will continue through May 23, Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, general superintendent from Kansas City, Mo., will be featured speaker.

Speakers

Missionaries from Japan, the Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Helling, recently returned to the United States on furlough, will speak Monday afternoon and evening. The Rev. Remiss Rehfeldt, Kansas City, Mo., executive secretary of the department of foreign missions, will also speak. In his capacity as secretary he has the supervision of the denomination's foreign missionary work which in 1956 included more than 300

FELLOWSHIP SERVICES

Gold Hill—Fellowship services will be held at "The Church in the Pines," two miles south of Gold Hill on Old Pacific highway, Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Music will be included in the afternoon service with a potluck dinner at 5 p.m. Fellowship and evangelistic service will be held at 7 p.m.

DIVINE COMMISSION

C. S. Sessler will speak on "Divine Commission" at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at Zion Lutheran church, Fourth st. and Oakdale ave.

Commencement Exercises May 17 At Local Academy

The eighth grade class at Rogue River academy will hold its graduation exercises Saturday in the Valley View Seventh-day Adventist church. Baccalaureate is scheduled for 11 a.m. with Pastor Don MacIvor of North Bend as speaker. Musical selections will be presented by Darold Bigger, soloist, and the Rogue Valley male quartet.

Pastor Neil Losey of Canyonville will deliver the commencement address at 8 p.m. Both Pastor MacIvor and Pastor Losey have worked with the young people for several years at the summer youth camp held annually at Milo, Ore.

Soloists for the evening program will be Mrs. Harvard Bresee, and James Kempster. The ten members of the graduating class have chosen, "Building for Eternity" as their motto, and "Eternal Life" as their aim. The day's program will be built around this theme. The church will be decorated in lavender and white, class colors, featuring the white rose.

The class message will be delivered by James Gregg, president. Edwin Christensen will relate the history of the class and its individual members, and valedictory and salutatory addresses will be given by Darold Bigger and Karen Santee.

Professor Fred Wilbur, principal, will present the diplomas, and the entire faculty will march in with the graduates.

Events Told By First Baptists

Several events are on the schedule for First Baptists this week.

The vacation Bible school for pre-schoolers, from three to six years of age, will be held beginning Monday, May 19, each week day from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m., through May 29. The theme of the school is "Exploring God's Wonders," and separate sessions will be held for nursery and kindergarten ages. Any children of the community are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, May 21, at 7 p.m. one of the three business meetings of the year will be held for members of the church.

Thursday, May 22, the Men's Fellowship of the church is sponsoring a "Couples for Christ" banquet. Each couple from the church attending is asked to bring another couple as guests. Jim Vaus, a convert from the Billy Graham crusade in Los Angeles and a former wiretapper for Mickey Cohen, will be speaker of the evening. Details concerning the banquet may be obtained by telephoning the church office.

The Christian Men's Fellowship Tuesday will feature a meal prepared by Warren Fairbanks and committee. Mr. Fairbanks will also give a talk based on Crater Lake National park and illustrated by color slides.

Baptist Minister Elected President

The Rev. James Neely, pastor of First Baptist church, Medford, was elected president of the Medford Ministerial association at their meeting Tuesday.

Also elected were the Rev. John Smith Power, assistant pastor at St. Mark's Episcopal church, vice president, and the Rev. Robert E. Cull, pastor of First Assembly of God church, secretary-treasurer.

The next meeting of the association will be Sept. 9.

Following a business meeting a potluck dinner was held by the ministers and their wives at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. William C. Piper of the First Christian church.

Stewardship Sunday Planned in Ashland

Ashland—Stewardship Sunday will be observed Sunday at 11 a.m. service at Grace Lutheran church, Mountain and Iowa sts., Ashland. The Rev. E. Paul Riedel, pastor, will speak on "More Than Meets the Eye," and a commissioning service for stewardship callers will be held.

Included in the service will be a filmstrip.

That afternoon at 5:30 p.m. the Walther League birthday meeting and wiener roast will be held.



DR. PHILIP S. DYBVIG
Lutheran Speaker Sunday

Pathfinders Plan Joint Investiture Service Saturday

Saturday a joint Investiture service for Medford and Ashland Pathfinders will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the new Ashland church, located at the corner of Clark and Garden way.

Walter D. Blehm, Oregon Conference Missionary Volunteer secretary, will be present to award pins to the Pathfinders who have fulfilled the requirements necessary to be invested in the various classes of the organization.

The Medford club will have 70 Pathfinders and Pre-Pathfinders eligible for the awards including 19 Busy Bees, 13 Sunbeams, 4 Builders, 8 Helping Hands, 13 Friends, 9 Companions, 8 Explorers, 5 Guides, and 1 Master Guide.

In addition to the graduation speakers at Valley View church, three other Valley churches will have guest speakers Saturday. Pastor Harold Peckham, conference evangelist who has just completed a week's revival services in Ashland, will speak at the 11 a.m. worship services there. Bonner Allen, Portland Book and Bible House manager, will conduct the worship hour in the Eagle Point church, and Elder Blehm will have the service at the Medford church.

An all-day event Sunday for Rogue Valley Seventh-day Adventists will be the annual church and school picnic to be held at the academy park.

Sermon Series At Friends Church

Pastor Clynton Crisman will continue the series of messages from Ephesians Sunday at the Friends church. "Prayer for Knowledge" will be his subject at the worship services at 9:45 and 11 a.m., and "Gift of Life" at the 7:30 p.m. service. Music will be provided by the youth and adult choirs and soloist, Sonja Hansen.

Attendance at Sunday school, 9:45 and 11 a.m., is being stressed in order that a 10 per cent increase for the fiscal year ending June 30 may be reached. The Sunday school has averaged a 20 per cent increase per year for the past seven years.

At 6:30 p.m. three Christian Endeavor groups will meet and the adults will have Bible study class under the leadership of Edward Harmon. "Quaker Hour" will be broadcast over KMED at 9:30 p.m.

At the monthly business meeting held last week Mr. Crisman accepted a call from the congregation to continue as pastor for the next three years.

Missionary Service At First Assembly
Mrs. James Reb, pioneer missionary in the Alaskan area, will speak at the Sunday service at 7:30 p.m. at First Assembly of God church 1108 West Main st.

Mrs. Reb has worked in the Alaska missionary fields for the past 20 years with her husband, and working as a team they established four permanent churches. Prior to working in Alaska, they pastored churches at Myrtle Point and Grants Pass, Williams, Ore., is their home community.

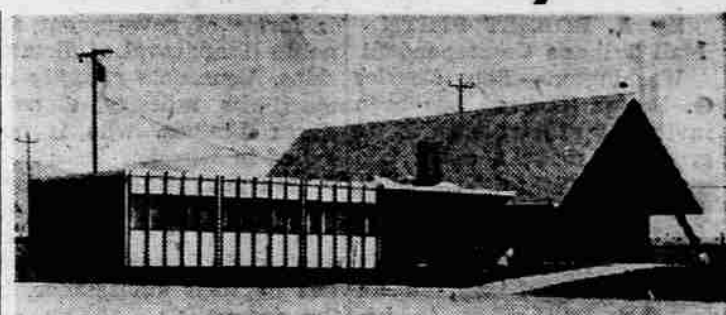
In August of this year Mr. and Mrs. Reb and daughter, Linda, will leave for the Hawaiian Islands to take up new missionary duties.

Ascension Lutheran Church To Be Dedicated This Sunday

Formal dedication services of the Ascension Lutheran church, 2501 Barnett rd., will be held Sunday at 4:30 p.m. at the church. Dr. H. L. Foss, president of the Pacific district, Evangelical Lutheran church, will perform the rite of dedication.

At the 11 a.m. service Sunday Dr. Philip S. Dybvig, executive director of the department of home missions of the church, Minneapolis, Minn., will speak. He will also speak at the dedication service.

Assisting the pastor, the Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, at the service will be a number of pastors. Scheduled to participate are the Rev. Howard Lybeck, Springfield, Ore.; the Rev. Hoarce Wetsberg, the Rev. H. E. Aalbu, both Eugene; and the Rev. LeRoy



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Dedication Planned

Valley Presbyterians Tell Sermons, Week's Events

At both services of the First Presbyterian church Sunday, Dr. D. Kirkland West, pastor, will preach on the theme, "The Marks of a Christian."

At the 9:30 a.m. service, the Westminster choir, under the direction of Louis Clayton, will sing "Praise We Sing to Thee." The chancel choir, under the direction of Lynn Sjoland, will sing the anthem, "All Creatures of Our God and King," by Chapman, at the 11 a.m. service. Mrs. Tresa Matlack will sing the solo, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Unto the Hills" at both services.

The Junior High Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the junior high room for its usual Sunday evening discussion and fellowship. The Freshman Fellowship will meet at the same hour in the basement of the church. In addition to a discussion, plans will be made for a picnic for the ninth grade young people.

Westminster Fellowship for senior high young people will meet at 7 p.m. for an opening worship service. The nominating committee will bring its report and an election of officers for the coming year will be held. Jim Fontaine, chairman of the Christian Citizenship Commission, will lead a discussion on the topic, "The Education of Joe Barbour." Fireside will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Barker, 2430 Hillcrest rd.

Central Point—"What Time Is It?" will be the subject of the sermon Sunday at 11 a.m. by Dr. Norman K. Tully, pastor, at First Presbyterian church, Central Point.

The young people will meet in the church at 7 p.m. for program followed by fellowship.

Phoenix—Sunday school at First Presbyterian church, Phoenix, will be held starting at 9:45 a.m. as of Sunday, it has been announced. The school will close at 10:45 a.m.

The church service will start at 11 a.m. with the Rev. William A. Saladin, pastor, speaking on "The Right to Love."

Saturday, May 24, a communicant class for young people interested in joining the church will begin. The class will be held at 9:30 a.m. All young persons planning to attend are asked to contact the pastor, who will be teacher of the group.

Ashland—"The Ascended Lord" will be the sermon topic at both the 9:45 and 11

Phoenix Church Sets Activities For Week

Phoenix—The message at the morning worship hour at the Phoenix Church of Christ will be "How Jealousy Ruined a Man." This message, concerning King Saul, shows that jealousy can ruin a person's life.

Mrs. Adella Paul and daughters, Mary and Jane, will sing and R. B. Klor will give the communion meditation for the communion service.

In the evening service a colored film will be shown called "One in 20,000." It will show the relation of smoking to lung cancer.

The women's missionary study group will meet Thursday, May 22, at 1 p.m. The group studies the various missionaries on the fields and then sends help to the fields that are in need. At this time the vacation Bible school workers will meet to prepare for the vacation Bible school which will be held June 9 through 20.



JOHN D. PICKETT
To Lecture Here

Christian Scientist Monday Speaker

John D. Pickett, Chicago, will speak Monday, May 19, on how health and individual usefulness can be restored through spiritual means, as illustrated in the Bible.

The lecture on Christian Science will be held at the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Medford at 8 p.m. The church is located at 100 Windsor ave., one block south of East Main st.

As a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, Mr. Pickett has traveled throughout the United States and Canada since 1942, when he entered the full-time practice of Christian Science.

The public is invited to attend.

'One Soul' Theme At Eastwood

"Lost—One Soul" is the theme of the 11 a.m. sermon by the pastor at the Eastwood Baptist church, North Keene way dr. at Ridgeway, Sunday.

The pastor is the Rev. Richard M. Jones. The chancel choir will be singing the anthem, "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go," under the direction of Mrs. Jones. Nursery care is provided.

At 6 p.m. the young people will meet for a light supper followed by recreation and group study.

The fourth discussion in the series on "Sects and Cults" will be given at the evening service, which begins at 7:30 p.m. The topic Sunday will be "Mormonism."

Eastwood Baptist church is located north of Hedrick Junior High school and is affiliated with the American Baptist convention. The public is invited to all services.

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Loyalty Dinner Set For Monday

Leaders of St. Luke's Methodist church have planned a "Loyalty Dinner" for Monday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in the Bigham hall, fairgrounds.

At the complimentary dinner, the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1, will be explained. Board chairman is Dr. Norman Capsey with co-captains, Bruce Nelson, Albert Cole, Charles Henry and Larry Horton.

The pastor, the Rev. Melvin Dixon, states that services have not started on summer schedule but will convene with church school at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. The subject for Sunday morning is "The Needs of God."

Repeat Programs Planned By Group

By request, the Rogue Valley Unitarian Fellowship is repeating, for the benefit of new people, a group of programs run several years ago. The programs are on controversial religious questions, and the one being used Sunday night is titled "God: Person, Force, or Phantom?" Other titles planned for the near future are "Prayer: To Whom and for What?" and "Is Death the End?"

The Fellowship meets every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the Thurston School of Dancing, 245 Stewart ave., Medford.



REV. HUBERT HELLING
Missionary Speaker

First Christian Tell Activities

The sermon topic for the Sunday morning service at First Christian church will be "Conserving God's Blessing." The choir will sing "Stand in Awe," and Mrs. Robert Reaves and Mrs. John Seger will sing "Lord, for Today."

The evening service will be in charge of the youth and the sermon will be given by the Rev. William Piper, entitled "God's Care of All Life." The girls' sextet will sing.

The Christian Men's Fellowship Tuesday will feature a meal prepared by Warren Fairbanks and committee. Mr. Fairbanks will also give a talk based on Crater Lake National park and illustrated by color slides.

Early Service Gains In Popularity Here

"Early Travelers Worship" is increasing in popularity at the Meeker Memorial chapel, First Methodist church, Medford, according to Dr. George G. Roseberry, minister, who conducts the family meditation from 8:30 until 9 a.m. The message title will be "Born to Try."

Music for the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services of worship will include a solo, "He Will Lead Thee," by Mrs. Jack Harris, to be sung at both services. The anthem for 9:30 a.m. will be "O Saviour, Hear Me," with soprano solos by Karen Paschke and Janet Ward. The anthem at 11 a.m. will be "I Waited for the Lord," with solos by Mrs. Howard Bush and Mrs. Milton Snow.

Sermon for both services will be, "Born to Try."

ASHLAND SERMON
Ashland—The Rev. Ross Knotts, Ashland First Methodist church, will speak Sunday at 11 a.m. on "The Empty House."

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