

Last Year Reported As Good to Churches

By LOUIS CASSELS
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The year just ended was, on the whole, a good one for America's churches.

The resurgence of religious activity, which has been one of the most striking phenomena of American life since World War II, seemed to continue unabated throughout 1959. Government reports show that expenditures for new church buildings climbed to an all-time high of nearly one billion dollars.

Statistics on membership growth, Sunday school enrollment and giving are compiled by the churches themselves, and it will be some months yet before the 1959 figures are available. But it appears likely that they also will set new records.

If any churchman is tempted to complacency by all this evidence of institutional prosperity, he may find it a sobering antidote to look ahead at some of the formidable problems which confront the churches in 1960.

Space permits the listing of only a few of the more important ones:

Combating Religious Bigotry

The inevitable frictions may

be magnified in 1960 if one or both major political parties should nominate a Catholic candidate for President or Vice President.

Although Catholic-Protestant relations have improved considerably in recent years, as the recent birth control controversy demonstrated, there still are a number of issues on which they disagree, and on which each side feels conscience-bound to uphold its position vigorously.

Many churchmen feel that this problem cannot be solved by trying to declare a moratorium on public discussion of the real and important questions that divide Christians. They feel the only solution is to air these questions with full remembrance on both sides that Christ's first commandment to his followers was to love one another.

Converting Own Members

Clergymen are increasingly conscious that the postwar revival has brought into their congregations many new members who are sincerely interested in investigating the relevance of religion to their lives, but who are not yet, by any means, committed believers.

It was this situation that prompted one minister to say recently that "the biggest task the church faces today is converting its own members."

In many cases, conversion must be preceded, or at least accompanied, by an adult education program. Surveys indicate that millions of church members have extremely vague ideas about the central affirmations of the faith they have embraced on trial. One California pastor, for example, was profoundly shocked recently by the discovery that not a single adult member of his congregation could make a passing grade on a test composed of 20 simple questions about the Bible.

The Clergy Shortage

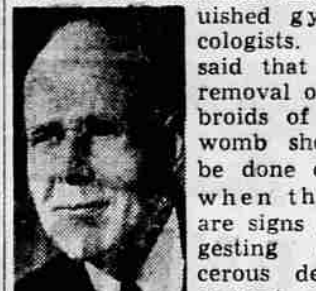
Virtually every denomination is suffering from a growing shortage of trained clergymen. The Methodist church, for example, needs at least 2,800 new ministers each year to replace those who have died or retired or to take charge of new congregations. But its seminaries

The Medical Roundup

by *Walter Alvarez*
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On Avoiding Unnecessary Surgery

I recently read an article by Dr. Richard W. TeLinde, one of America's most distinguished gynecologists. He said that the removal of the breasts of the womb should be done only when there are signs suggesting cancerous development, or excessive bleeding, or decided discomfort, or pain, such as occasionally is produced by an unusually large tumor. The doctor joins with other distinguished professors of gynecology in saying that the mere existence of a fibroid is no reason for an operation. As Dr. TeLinde says, there is many a border-line case in which the surgeon should search his soul before undertaking an operation on a woman's pelvic organs.



DR. ALVAREZ

TeLinde doubtless pleased many wise old family doctors when he went on to say that often the present-day fad for performing a tremendous operation for a probably hopeless cancer of the womb is not justified. As he said, when the chances are so great that the patient will not be cured, why operate? Why try to extend the patient's life when if she is made to live a few months longer, her days will not be comfortable or happy, or worth living?

are graduating only 900 a year. The National Council of Churches estimates the total clergy shortage in all Protestant bodies at more than 25,000.

Despite some increases in recent years, clergymen still are paid far less than any other professional group, including teachers, and in many cases, their compensation is substantially below that of factory workers, truck drivers and building trades mechanics.

Heredity and Blood Fats

At a recent meeting of the American Heart Association, Dr. Louis E. Schafer reported that studies of the level of blood fats in 2,500 people indicated that this level depends less on what a person eats than on his heredity. First, the investigators showed that usually there was no similarity between the amount of blood cholesterol in the blood of a man and in that of his wife, but there was a strongly positive correlation, or similarity, between the levels of blood fat of a father and his children, or of a mother and her children, or of a man and his brothers and sisters.

Dr. Alvarez' booklet on blood pressure may be obtained by sending 25 cents and a large, stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1960)

4-H NEWS

Bobbing Bobbins

The bobbing Bobbins 4-H Sewing club of Central Point held their third meeting at the home of Carol Foote.

There was a short business meeting and a Christmas party. Games were played and refreshments were served by Joyce Anderson and Christy Chamberlin.

Our next meeting will be at Mrs. Franek's home on Saturday, Jan. 9.

Carol Straus, Secretary.

BORGNINE WEDS

Cuernavaca, Mexico - (UPI) - Actor Ernest Borgnine and Mexican star Katy Jurado were married Thursday night beside a swimming pool in the garden of the Jurado's luxurious Cuernavaca home. A religious ceremony and another civil ceremony in California will follow.

CENTRAL POINT Curriculum Studied

By DORIS HUGHES

Central Point - Curriculum study is still in progress at H. P. Jewett Elementary school. The work-book evaluation committee consisting of Mrs. Zelma Foote, Mrs. Olivia Ryerson, Mrs. Katherine Leavitt and Bill Brewster, Jewett school principal, has developed a questionnaire as part of its analysis of the use of work-books. The questionnaire is being distributed to supervisors and elementary school teachers in southern Oregon and throughout the state. The committee is providing information regarding the use of work-books in reading instruction.

Some of the problems included in the study are: Are we using an adequate or an excessive amount of work-books? How does the use of work-books provide for individual differences within the class? What are the advantages and disadvantages of work-books as compared with other techniques such as worksheets, chalk board presentations, etc.?

Other questions the committee is considering: Is reading comprehension suffering because of excessive use of work-books? Is the use of work-books aiding or limiting vocabulary progress? Is there a loss of creativity on the part of the pupil because of the use of work-books? The committee also is compiling information concerning the policies and practices of the use of work-books throughout the state.

Guests Christmas Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Mappel, Scenic ave., were Mrs. Mappel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moore, Gold Hill, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Greb, Central Point. Christmas morning, Mr. and Mrs. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Greb drove to Chico to visit the Moore's other son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Edwards and family.

A visitor at Mrs. D. C. Mappel's home Dec. 28 was Mrs. Ken Dawson, La Habra, Calif. Mrs. Dawson is the former Miss Jean Smith of Gold Hill. Mrs. Dawson was a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Medford. Former schoolmates, Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Mappel had not seen each other for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sage and sons, Mike and Douglas, Hayward, Calif., were visitors at the home of Mrs. Sage's aunt, Mrs. O. T. Wilson and Mr. Wilson. They also visited other relatives of the valley during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bishop and daughters, Linda, Gayle, and Joyce, visited Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Bishop's aunt, Mrs. O. T. Wilson, Central Point. The Bishops, who are from Kansas City, Kan., are also visiting other relatives in the valley. From here they will go to Ontario to visit relatives before returning to Kansas.

Returning to Linfield college Sunday after a visit home were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tonn. They visited with Mrs. Tonn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Davis, Medford, and with Tonn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tonn, Central Point.

Pomeroy Takes Over State Institution

Salem - (UPI) - Dr. James M. Pomeroy, 44, officially became superintendent of Fairview Home here Friday. He succeeded the late Dr. Irvin B. Hill.

Dr. Pomeroy has been on hand at the state institution for the mentally retarded for the past several weeks but his official appointment was effective Friday.

Portland Sculptor Sues After Crash

Portland - (UPI) Frederick Oittman, Portland sculptor, has filed a suit for \$4,500 in Multnomah county circuit court in connection with a car accident in which his statue was knocked over.

Defendant is Bob Franklin Biggs, who allegedly drove his foreign car into the statue at the Garden of Tomorrow at the Centennial last September.

Cabin Destroyed by Fire in Kerby

Cave Junction - A cabin occupied by John H. Dayton, 65, Kerby, was destroyed by fire Friday evening.

The Illinois Valley Rural Fire department responded. Cause of the blaze is not known, firemen said. The cabin was on property owned by Hal Moore.

Dayton was at a neighbor's house at the time of the fire.

Court Records

MUNICIPAL COURT

Allen Warner Hardrath, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Richard Wallace Mather, disobeyed traffic sign, \$5.
Georgia Mac Harris, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Lawrence Willford Luy, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Edna Louise Parker, failed to yield right of way, \$10.
Francis Vernon Story, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Harold Peter Lumsden, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
Samuel Lawrence Gilbert, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Shirel Cover Cuddy, improper right turn, \$5.
Alma Hassler Murphy, improper left turn, \$5.
Nathaniel B. Bender Jr., violation of basic rule, \$10.
Francis Willard Chausse, failure to yield right of way, \$25.
Alberto Napolitano, displayed expired plates, \$5.
Evelyn Jean Lee, disobeyed traffic sign, \$5.
Robert Anthony Unger, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Hellen Gertrude Florey, disobeyed traffic sign, \$10.
Donald Brood Giltaspey, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Lavera Leona Clement, failure to yield right of way, \$10.
David Lee Pitts, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Lester Wiley Bogener, disobeyed traffic sign, \$5.
Clara Davis Close, no operator's license in possession, \$10.
Lester Leland Johnson Jr., violation of basic rule, \$10.
Brian Clinton Watson, no vehicle registration plates displayed, \$5.

DISTRICT COURT

Melvin L. Mitchell, failure to stop, \$10.

MEDFORD COURT

Shirley H. Nelson, no operator's license, \$10.
Byron T. Billings, violation basic rule, \$15.
Arthur F. Hotho, overweight, \$15.
Harry Cutter Stanley, failure to stop, \$10.
Donald F. Kibbig, overweight, \$33.
Elmer M. Adams, overweight, \$53.
Herbert W. Gifford, parking on paved part of highway, \$7.50.
Donald D. Goyette, operating vehicle while license suspended, \$105.
Donald I. Penwell, improper clearance nights, \$10.
Paul T. Allen, no operator's license, \$15.
Elwin R. Foss, overweight, \$15.
Carol Ann Wray, violation basic rule, \$15.
Herbert L. Wilson, failure to stop, \$10.
Herman J. Sandkuhle Jr., overweight, \$15.
James Albert Westensee, four in driver's seat, \$7.50.
David Wayne Hunter, overweight, \$31.
Michael L. Clupnerk, unnecessary noise, \$15.
Carl E. Morgan, no motor vehicle license, \$10.
Harold E. Edick, unnecessary noise, \$15.
Donald R. Rice, failure to stop, \$10.
Robert R. Gripp, drunk on public highway, \$50.
Billy Lasota, no operator's license, \$10.
Fred E. Hutton, driving while operator's license suspended, \$105.
Robert F. Brown, failure to stop, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT

Eleanor Ruth McDonald vs. Richard Clarence McDonald, divorce complaint.

Portland, Japanese City in Exchanges

Portland - (UPI) - Mayor Terry Schunk has approved a plan for exchange of paintings of school children in Portland and Sapporo, Japan, as part of the "sister city" program.

The program was arranged during the mayor's recent visit to Japan.

EDITOR'S WIFE DIES

Portland - (UPI) - Mrs. Marshall Dana, wife of the Portland business and civic leader, died Friday. Her husband is the retired editor of the editorial page of the Oregon Journal.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

Darold L. Hargrove and Juanita Mae Wilson, both Ridgefield, Wash.
Edward Glenn Henselman, 1944 Stewart ave., and Cora Belle Bennett Carlson, 937 North Central ave., Medford.
Robert Lee Thomas, 843 Diamond ave., and Linda Gail Horton, 2735 Conwell ave., Medford.
Eugene J. Hughes and Dixie Fern Cox, both Wolf Creek, Ore.
Cyde Robert Frennoll, Southernland, Ore., and Barbara Ann Worth, Salem.

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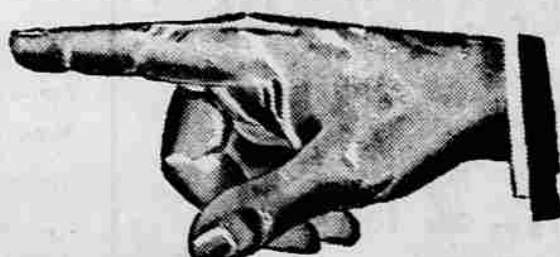
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