

America's Catholic Population Up 44 Per Cent in Past 10 Years

Protestant Total Increases Only 22 Per Cent

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America's Catholic population has grown by 44 per cent in the past 10 years.

Its Protestant population increased by only 22 per cent during the same period.

If this disparity in growth rates continues, there obviously will come a day when Catholics outnumber Protestants in the United States. But that day is still distant. At present, Protestants outnumber Catholics by 2-1, or in round figures, 80 million to 40 million.

The Protestants, however, are divided into more than 200 different denominations, while the Catholics are united in a single massive institution.

How large this institution looms, even in a land grown accustomed to bigness, is indicated in a few statistics. It has a hierarchy of 190 bishops and 31 archbishops, six of whom hold the princely rank of cardinal. It is served by nearly 54,000 priests and 165,000 nuns. It maintains 17,000 parishes, 5,000 missions, and nearly 14,000 schools at all levels from kindergarten through college. Upwards of 5,500,000 students—one-eighth of America's children—are enrolled in these Catholic schools.



PRETTY STUDENT—Linda Bement, Salt Lake City's Miss Universe title holder, takes her first skating lesson from Dr. Hugh Whytock, who observed his 100th birthday Thursday. "Doc" Whytock spends many spare hours on the blades, but seldom with such attractive pupils. (UPI Telephoto)

Number of City Improvement Projects Accepted by Council

The Medford city council last night called for one public hearing and accepted a number of improvement projects in the city.

A hearing was called for Feb. 16 on a proposed installation of a sanitary sewer between Park Place No. 5 and Alberts st. between Prune and Dakota sts.

Improvement projects accepted by the council were:

—The paving of Niantic st. from Edwards to Maple sts.

—The installation of a 6-inch water main on Beatty st., from McAndrews rd. to Manzanita st., and on Manzanita from Beatty north to Beatty south.

—The installation of a 6-inch water main on McAndrews rd., from Waverly st. to Wabash ave.; Wabash from McAndrews to Spring st., and on College Way and Hill st., from Wabash to a point 320 feet east.

—The installation of a 6-inch water main on Crestbrook rd., from Ellendale dr. to Greenwood st., and on Greenwood from Crestbrook to Highland dr.

Guidance Clinic To Hold Meeting

A special meeting of the board of the Southern Oregon Family and Child Guidance clinic has been set for Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Medford hotel. Miss Ethel Shumway, psychiatric social worker, will be honored.

Miss Shumway moved to Medford from Oakland, Calif., recently to begin work at the clinic in line with the expansion of child guidance service to allow for family and marital counseling.

Frank Strange, clinical psychologist from the State Board of Health, Portland, who also works with the local clinic, will attend the meeting. Former board members of the clinic are being invited to the luncheon.

Drama Club Director Speaks For Chapter

Dr. Dorothy Stolp, director of the Southern Oregon college drama club, spoke at the winter meeting of the Jackson county chapter of the Oregon Education association Tuesday evening.

Dr. Stolp is currently producing a play for children. A number of school teachers and education leaders attended the meeting to discuss the production.

Two assessment ordinances were passed by the council. One was for the Crestview subdivision sanitary sewer where each lot or parcel of land will be assessed \$6.75. The estimate was \$600.

The second ordinance was for the Crestview subdivision sanitary sewer where each lot or parcel of land will be assessed \$6.75 per front foot. The estimate was \$6,750 per front foot. City Manager Robert Duff pointed out that the increase was attributed mainly to a higher cost of right of way acquisition.

The estimate of right of way purchase, he said, was \$3,050. But, the final cost was \$5,672.

The council also established an Alberts st. water fund last night, and approved an extra-wide driveway for the Thunderbird lodge, 1015 South Riverside ave.

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Societies and Societies

The basic organization of the church is buttressed by about 240 national Catholic societies and associations, and thousands of local circles and sodalities.

The church communicates with its members through more than 550 diocesan newspapers, magazines and other periodicals.

The sheer size of this enterprise frightens some non-Catholic Americans, particularly those who believe that the church exercises a high degree of discipline over its members.

They fear that children who attend Catholic schools are "indoctrinated" in a particular Catholic viewpoint toward U.S. history and politics.

They see "censorship" and "thought control" in the church's efforts to advise Catholics on what movies to see and what books to read.

The church replies that Catholic parents have made great financial sacrifices to maintain the Catholic school system because they want their children to receive a religiously oriented education which is impossible in public schools.

Thought Control Denied

It denies any attempt at censorship or thought control, and says that the church is simply protecting its members from possibly dangerous temptations when it condemns certain books and movies.

Some non-Catholics also accuse the Catholic Church of trying to "impose" its own moral teachings on the whole American society by such means as Sunday observance laws, movie boycotts, and regulations forbidding public clinics to dispense birth control information.

Catholics reply that the moral precepts which they urge upon society are not based on particular doctrines of their church, but are drawn from the "natural law" which is applicable to all men.

Surprises Many

Many American Catholics are genuinely surprised to learn how much "dictation" outsiders think they get from their church. They particularly resent any suggestion that their membership in an "authoritarian" church makes them somehow less American, less devoted to this country's free institutions than non-Catholics.

Mutual misunderstanding on this score is probably the greatest single root cause of Catholic-Protestant tensions, and was certainly a major factor in the emotional heat generated by the "religious issues" in the 1950s presidential election.

Actually, says Fr. Weigel, the Catholics of this country, in their long struggle for "acceptance" by a predominantly Protestant culture, have "taken on the color and such an extent that they bear little resemblance to the Catholics of other lands beyond the sharing of a common religious faith."

"The American Catholic has explicitly chosen to be a Catholic," says Fr. Weigel. His religion was not "trapped upon him by a culture," and if he chooses to leave the Catholic Church, "no social condemnation will fall upon him."

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Equity, Festival Open Negotiations

Former actors in the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, who since have become professionals, may be able to return to the Ashland stage in coming seasons.

The Festival board this week authorized the opening of negotiations with Actors Equity, the professional actors' union, to seek an agreement whereby Equity members would be permitted to appear in the festival.

The arrangement being sought is similar to the one in effect during the 1959 season, when such longtime Festival favorites as Phil Hansen, Bill Oyster and Mary Jo Randall appeared after an absence of several seasons.

If agreement can be reached on terms acceptable to the Festival, it would be effective for the seasons of 1961 and 1962. The negotiations are being handled through a New York legal firm.

No contract between the Festival and Equity is involved, other than an agreement that salaries of Equity members not be lower than a certain minimum, and that a small but specified number, out of a company of some 90, be employed.

In years other than 1959, Equity members were barred from appearing on the Festival stage.

'Mystery' Flight Planned by Pilots

Although they don't yet know where they are going, the Medford chapter of Oregon Pilots association has scheduled an air trip for Sunday, Feb. 12.

The flight has been planned as a mystery for the pilots and flight activity chairman Brian Douglass announced that, unlike most group trips, it will not be a treasure hunt or spot landing contest.

Oregon Pilot association members and any other pilots who wish to take part are to report to flight headquarters at Rogue Flying service lobby, Medford municipal airport, at 10 a.m. Feb. 12 for final briefing.

OFFER EXPLANATION

Utica, N.Y. —UPI—The Onondaga County Welfare Department has reported that \$234,046 in welfare payments for medicine was made last year to 80 drug stores — and one liquor store. The department felt it necessary to explain that the liquor store received \$6 for a bottle of brandy used strictly for medicinal purposes.

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