

Enrollment Increase Factor in New School

Growth Studies Indicate 1,250 in School in 1968-69

Increased enrollments in St. Mary's school in recent years has been the main factor in determining construction of a new St. Mary's High school here.

Present enrollment is about 757 students, 579 of them in grade school, and 178 in high school. In 1950, when the present school was built, enrollment was 330, with 260 in the elementary grades and 70 in high school.

School officials noted that the 1960 figure was double that of 1940, and during the 10-year period 1950-60, enrollment doubled again. This year alone, 81 additional students enrolled in St. Mary's.

Current Growth Studies

Current growth studies projected to the 1968-69 year indicate that facilities will be necessary for a minimum of 1,250 students in the system. The projection was based on the best qualified sources available after enrollment and growth trend studies in the system.

Officials noted that the current enrollment is the enrollment predicted for the 1962-63 school year, and with a possible influx of people in this area, enrollment figures may be attained before the school year in which they are predicted.

The new St. Mary's High school, however, has been designed to allow addition of classrooms in the future at a minimum cost with the best possible utilization of the initial structure.

Eight General Classrooms

The initial unit, which is expected to cost an estimated \$190,000, will be eight general purpose classrooms, one science and two commercial classrooms, along with administrative facilities, library, and if possible, a multi-purpose unit with facilities for speech and drama instruction and indoor athletic events.

Total square footage will be about 23,000 square feet. Architectural plans for the new building are being prepared by Edson and Pappas, Medford architects.

Acres at the site allows for future expansion of the classroom building, the construction of a gymnasium and the future installation of complete facilities for all outdoor activities.

Sources of Financing

School officials hope that the cost of the physical plant will be borne in part by residents of the community. Much of the construction funds have been assured by the Archdiocese of Portland. Operational costs after construction is completed will be assumed by parents of St. Mary's students.

St. Mary's officials said that by 1970, the school could save taxpayers of Jackson county up to \$500,000 annually, based on current per capita costs of education.

Cost per student in the public school is about \$350 to \$400 annually, whereas the cost per student in the private school is considerably less. The difference per student would be a saving to taxpayers, officials noted.

Registration in primary grades at St. Mary's indicate a graduating class of 100 by 1970, compared to the 45 students who will be graduated this year.

Part of County Growth

St. Mary's school has been a part of the growth of Jackson county since it was founded in 1865 in Jacksonville, when Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary agreed to open a school there at the invitation of the Rev. F. X. Blanchet.

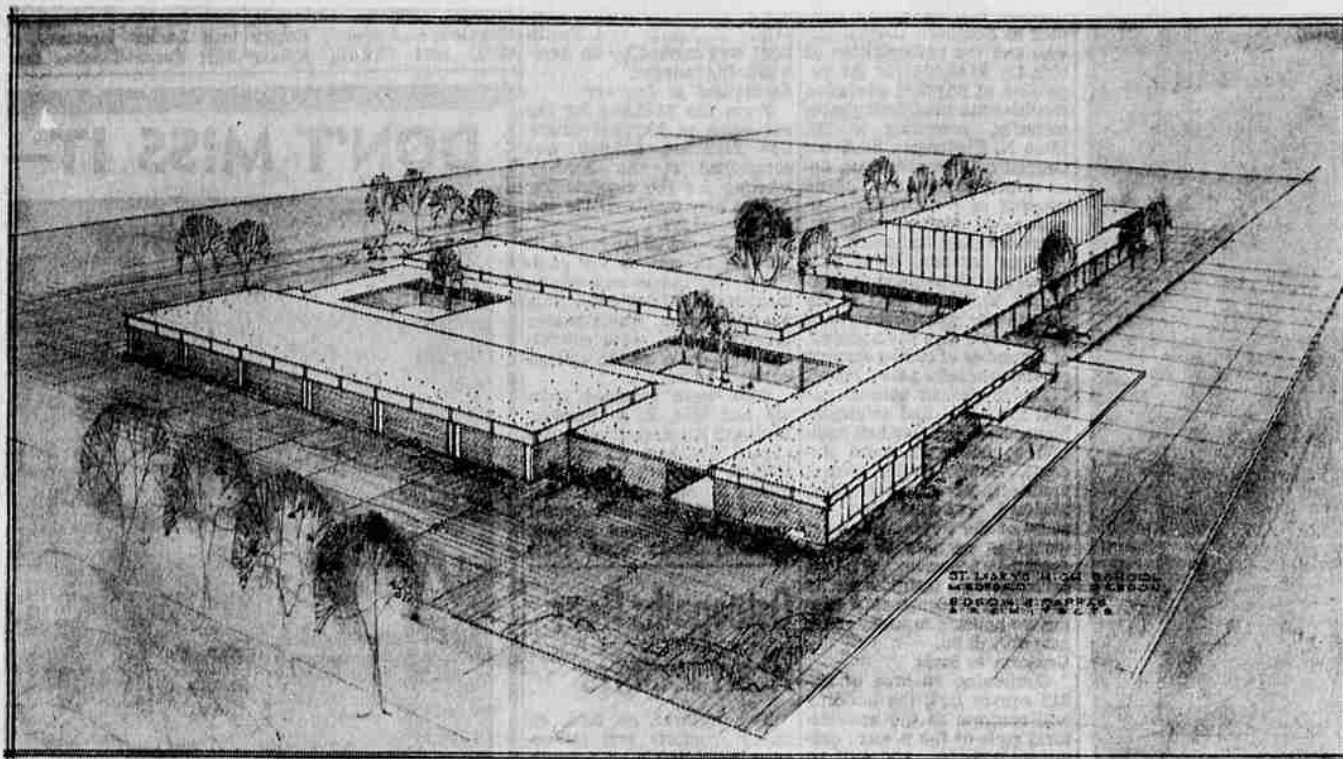
Father Blanchet has been appointed to the Jacksonville parish several years earlier by his uncle, the first Archbishop of Oregon.

To finance the new school, Father Blanchet collected \$2,139 in southern Oregon and northern California. With this money, he was able to buy an entire block in Jacksonville, pay the fares of the Sisters from Montreal, and buy a \$1,400 piano as the new school's first piece of equipment.

School Opened

School was opened in the renovated county hospital building Sept. 11, 1865, under the direction of Sisters Mary of the Seven Dolors, Mary Febronis and Mary Zolique. At the end of the first year, the Sisters had cared for 12 patients at a cost of 33 days plus maintaining building served as a dormitory.

A small up-trend in December, 1865, forced the temporary closure of the school, but it demonstrated the selfless generosity and devotion of the Sisters. After dis-



PLANNED HIGH SCHOOL PLANT—This is the architect's drawing of the new St. Mary's High school south of Barnett rd. on Black Oak dr. The building will be constructed on a 24-acre site, and when completed will

include general classrooms, administrative offices, and facilities for indoor and outdoor sports activities. Edson and Pappas, Medford, are the architects.

missing the boarding students, they volunteered to take charge of the smallpox hospital.

The Jacksonville board of health at first considered the epidemic not great enough to warrant imperiling the lives of the community's educators, but eventually their offer had to be accepted.

Two Months With Sick

Sisters Mary Francis of Assisi and Sister Mary Edward spent the next two months visiting and nursing the sick, barred from the company of everyone except the plague-stricken.

Until 1908, St. Mary's continued at Jacksonville, with an average annual enrollment of 60 to 70 students. In that year, because of the decrease of Jacksonville's population and the growth of Medford, the academy was moved to its present location.

Its enrollment at the time of the move was 23 boarders and 93 day students. In its new location, St. Mary's continued to grow, and in 1920 had an enrollment of 130 students.

Popular Department

One of St. Mary's most popular departments is its music department, which has had a high reputation for many years. Many St. Mary's graduates have received music and voice scholarships to various colleges throughout the country.

Among St. Mary's graduates recently who received music or voice scholarships are Carol Robinson, who is now in her second year at Maryhurst college, Portland, on a renewed scholarship; Donald MacPherson, who is at Portland university; and Jerry Flakus, who is attending Southern Oregon college.

Sonja Peterson, who attended St. Mary's music department classes, received a piano scholarship to Willamette university and is now studying at Julliard's school of music in New York City, and Diane Franklin, who also attended music classes at St. Mary's, is attending Oregon State university on an organ scholarship.

Selected to Sing

Last week, Rick Carrara and Frederick Burich were selected as top choral students to sing in the all Northwest chorus at the Music Education National Convention in Spokane, Wash.

Another graduate of St. Mary's school is Dr. Wendell Clausen, who is a professor at Harvard university, Cambridge, Mass. Dr. Clausen was graduated from St. Mary's in 1941, from the University of Washington and the University of Chicago, and taught at Amherst, Mass., college before going to Harvard.

St. Mary's is recognized as a standard college preparatory school, and is accredited by the state department of education and the Northwest Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Preparation of Wills Discussed at Meeting

Walter D. Nunley, Medford attorney and former district attorney for Jackson county, spoke at the monthly luncheon meeting of Memorial Councilors of Hillcrest Memorial park. They met Friday at the Medford hotel.

Nunley discussed the preparation of wills and the administration of decedents' estates. He stressed the desirability of each person preparing a last will and testament. Cost should range from a minimum of \$15 recommended by the Oregon State Bar for a simple will, up to \$50 for complex documents, he said.



PRESENT SCHOOL BUILDING—When the new St. Mary's High school is completed for classes this fall at its location on Black Oak dr., the present building will be used

as an elementary school only. Construction of the new high school is expected to start about May 1, and will be minimum facilities for opening this fall.



SECOND BUILDING—This building in Jacksonville is the second home of St. Mary's school. The picture was taken in the 1880's. The school was started in Jacksonville by

the Rev. F. X. Blanchet, who collected funds for financing the academy in southern Oregon and northern California.



FIRST MEDFORD BUILDING—St. Mary's school was torn down to make way for the present structure. Enrollment in St. Mary's at that time was 23 boarders and 93 day students.

The Week in California

Hoover Brought into Dispute of Subversion in Humboldt College

By United Press International
FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover was brought into a dispute over whether California Assemblyman Louis Francis (R-San Mateo) has evidence of subversion in Humboldt State college.

Assemblyman William A. Munnell, majority leader in the lower chamber, asked Hoover to initiate an FBI investigation of the charges to see if Francis could "substantiate" them.

Munnell, a Montebello Democrat, wrote Hoover that Francis had claimed to have "substantial evidence accumulated over a long period of time that there are subversives in Humboldt State."

"Assemblyman Francis has cast a dark shadow over every college, instructor, student and institution of higher learning in California," Munnell wrote Hoover.

Francis, informed of the Munnell action, adopted a wait and see attitude. He was asked if he would turn the information over to Hoover.

"I'll see what Mr. Hoover does," he replied. "I'll cooperate with the FBI in any way, as I have in the past."

A reporter asked: "How have you cooperated in the past?"

"I can't reveal that," Francis replied.

Francis had told an Assembly committee last week that he had evidence of subversives in Humboldt county and "this is particularly true of the public schools." He said later that the evidence for this charge was an anonymous letter from a person who signed himself "a European patriot."

Attack on Francis

Meanwhile, an attack on Francis came from Sens. Hugh M. Burns, majority leader, and John F. McCarthy, minority leader—both members of the State Senate Permanent Fact-Finding committee on Un-American Activities. Burns is chairman of the committee.

They expressed concern over what they called "irresponsible statements" about the senate committee and said that members of the Assembly had been quoted as stating that "our committee has not been active."

"This has been one of the busiest two-year periods in the committee's existence," Burns and McCarthy said in a joint statement. They said the com-

mittee report for the two years is just being completed. Elsewhere, there were these developments:

Crash: A B52 jet bomber carrying a nuclear weapon crashed in flames in a grain field about 40 miles north of Sacramento after its eight crewmen parachuted. Air Force officials said there was no danger of a nuclear explosion. They sealed off the area and sent in decontamination workers to eliminate any possible danger from radiation. None of the crewmen was injured seriously. M/Sgt. Lawrence T. Gilliam of Beale Air Force base, Marysville, was killed when the Air Force truck he was driving crashed en route to the scene.

Honesty: Douglas William Johnson, confused by all the publicity over his honesty, asked for more time to decide what kind of a reward to accept for finding \$240,000 in cash and returning the unmarked bills to an armored car service company. The 50-year-old unemployed Los Angeles janitor telephoned to Brink's, Inc., and said he could not yet make up his mind. The Brink company had offered him a \$90 a week job as a guard and a university scholarship for his 16-year-old son.

Football—The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics voted unanimously to move its annual national championship football game from St. Petersburg, Fla., to Sacramento. NIAA executive secretary A. O. Duer said the decision was based partially on the racial discrimination against Negro athletes in Florida. Equally important in the decision, he said, was the small stadium provided for the game in St. Petersburg. Duer said this year's football game would be known as the Camellia bowl and would be played in Sacramento's Hughes stadium.

Population—California's population will pass that of New York state on Aug. 27, 1963, according to Carl Zachrisson, director of the California Economic Development agency. He said statisticians had figured out this target date, adding "the governor of New York has been warned."

Nixon—Richard M. Nixon returned to the private practice of law for the first time in 20 years, and got off on the right foot with his Los Ange-

les firm by arriving for work promptly at 9 a.m. The former Vice President joined the firm as "counsel," rather than as a partner, to give himself more time for political activities.

Water Pollution Research Pushed For Northwest

A bill to establish a federal regional water pollution control research laboratory in the Pacific Northwest is being pushed by Congressman Walter Norblad (R-Ore.).

Urging prompt and favorable action by the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce, Norblad wrote, "This area is a separate, topographical, geological, meteorological and geographical region and its water needs and problems are different than in other regions. The majority of the population obtains its water from the rivers."

"The Pacific Northwest is dependent on wood products, food processing, textile, light metal, rare earth metal and chemical industries. These absorb large volumes of high-quality water. Without the basic resource of water, such industries could not exist."

"The value of the rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and the coastal area for fishing, boating, swimming and family camping is unmatched in any region," the congressman pointed out. "Increased agricultural irrigation presents new problems for the area. Pollution's impact on fish and wildlife, aquatic resources and recreation pose unique problems."

Research necessary to find solutions to the water pollution control problems of the Pacific Northwest cannot be carried on in a laboratory located in another region, Norblad said. The development of practical means of meeting these specific water pollution control problems can no longer be delayed.

RIVER CANYON

St. Louis—An underwater canyon below the lower Mississippi river is about five miles wide and 600 feet in depth.

Filing Necessary For Tax Refunds

Refund payments of federal income taxes withheld from wages are not automatic, but are paid only upon filing of a proper federal individual income tax return. A. G. Erickson, district director of the Internal Revenue Service, Saturday reminded Oregon taxpayers.

"We find frequent cases where people apparently believe that the mere fact their tax was withheld in an amount greater than their owed taxes, will, on its face, get them their proper refund," Erickson noted. "Everyone whose income was \$600 or more during 1960 must file a return."

"Students or other young people who worked part of the year must also file a return, if such income was under \$600, to secure receipt of a refund check," he added.

Older married couples are still unaware they are entitled to file jointly and obtain worthwhile tax savings, Erickson pointed out. They apparently began the payment of federal income taxes several years ago when joint returns were not allowed in all states. "For all tax-filers," Erickson reminded, "the filing deadline this year is Monday, April 17, because April 15 falls on Saturday. Those taxpayers entitled to a refund would do well to file as soon as possible."

Physicist Positions Open at Puget Sound

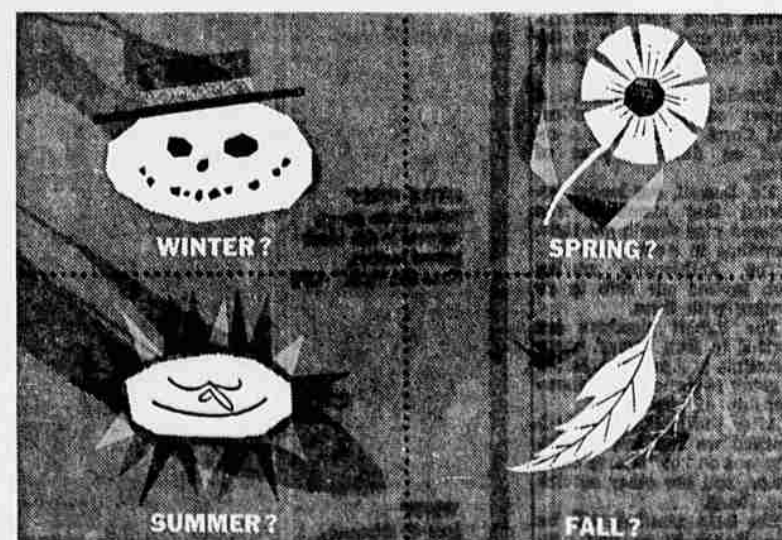
Examination for physicists to fill federal civil service positions in the Puget Sound Naval shipyard's acoustic range have been announced. The range is a facility for scientific investigation of sound generated by ships and submarines. Physicists interested in work there should contact the local employment office or the Industrial Relations office at the shipyard, Bremerton, Wash.

Positions are also open for A.C. maintenance officer (pilot) (air reserve technician). Additional information may be obtained from the post office.

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