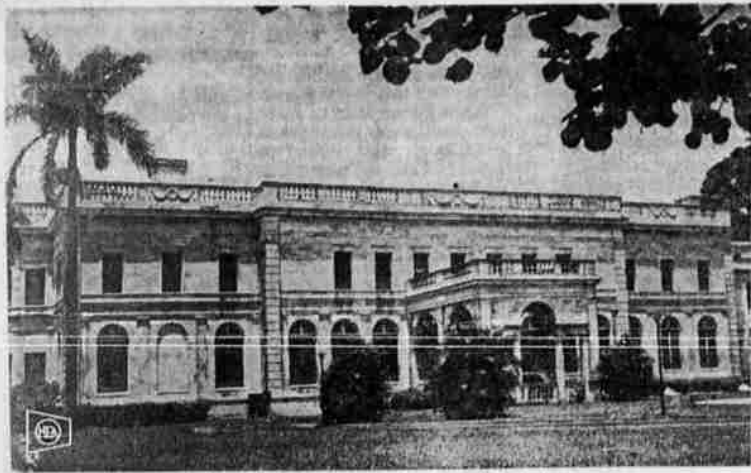




COLLEGE SITE — One of the latest educational projects of The United Church of Christ is to establish the New College in Sarasota-Bradenton, Fla. The famous Ringling mansion was donated to the college to serve as the core of the campus. The church group will appropriate the funds to complete the buildings and then turn the college over to a private or public administration.

Church Strives To Close College Gap And Meet Demands For Space

By HAROLD SHEEHAN
NEW YORK (NEA)—The only thing that a lot of people give to the college of their choice is a son or daughter. Such a contribution—in the absence of healthy money donations—will do little to ease the multiplying demand for college space.

President Kennedy foresees a need for twice as many classrooms by 1972 as we have now. And it seems likely that the federal government will play an increasingly active role in providing funds for buildings on the

Meditation Walks and Professors Rows across the nation. At least one church group, however, believes private initiative still can weld together the stuff of which higher education is made. This denomination, The United Church of Christ, is moving on several fronts around the country, gathering the millions needed to build schools, select campus sites and choosing top people in the local communities to run the schools when they open their doors.

From the coffers of its Board of Homeland Ministries the church plows about \$1.5 million annually into this program. Soon to be opened is New College, Sarasota and Bradenton, Fla. The board is also eyeing sites in Arizona and Hawaii for other colleges.

Quarterback for this effort is 45-year-old Rev. Howard Spragg, one-time varsity football player for Tufts University in Massachusetts. Largely through Dr. Spragg's dogged determination, some \$6 million has been raised toward completion of New College.

Some buildings are already built on the former Ringling (of circus fame) estate—donated to the college. Most of the funds are raised locally. The school is non-segregated.

"One thing I want to make clear," said Dr. Spragg, "is that the United Church policy is to get the colleges going and then pull out."

"On the board of trustees of New College we have people of many religions—not just Congregationalist and Evangelical and Reformed—the two denominations which make up the United Church."

Dr. Spragg's own Congregationalist Church has a long record of school founding, dating back to Harvard and Yale. Other schools which the church established—and then traditionally turned over to private direction—include Dartmouth (started as an Indian missionary school), Grinnell, Howard, Fisk, Oberlin, Smith, and Williams. In addition, the church has set up more than 500 elementary schools—mostly in the South—which, likewise, were later turned over to private or public administration.

"Why do we cut the strings after a school gets rolling?" Dr. Spragg answered his own question: "I suppose it goes back to the spirit of the Protestant Reformation. We don't believe in insisting that everyone believe in what we believe in."

"If you don't trust yourself to have a corner on the truth, then why did we have the Reformation in the first place?" "In fact," said Dr. Spragg, "I don't think it would hurt to have an atheist on the board of New College—just to keep the religious boys on their toes."

More than 200 babies are born each minute throughout the world.

Rev. Carl Simmons Jr. is pastor of the local church of the Brethren in Christ, which is located at Camp Myrtlewood, near Bridge, Ore., in the Coos Bay area, for the past two years.

Rev. and Mrs. Simmons and Glenn, Wendell, Virginia, and Lynette came to Klamath Falls in August of 1961 from Albany, but they had been associated with the church prior to that time.

For a year before the family's permanent residence, Rev. Simmons had committed to the congregation approximately three weekends out of five to serve the church on a part-time basis. During the week he was employed by the Oregon Metallurgical Corporation in Albany.

Active in community affairs, he has served on the Crime Prevention Committee and was vice president of the Klamath Council of Churches for the 1962-63 term. While living here he was also chairman of the Oregon District Board, Church of the Brethren; secretary of the Pacific Northwest Conference Board of his church; and served as a trustee to the LaVerne College, LaVerne, Calif.

Mrs. Eva Simmons, a graduate of LaVerne College who studied a year at the Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago, has taught remedial reading at Riverside School and played violin in the string ensemble which was the forerunner of the new Klamath Community Symphony. Following her marriages in 1949, she also taught school in California and Illinois and substituted in Washington and various Oregon cities.

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Friday, May 24, 1963

Six Youths To Receive Hope Rites

The Rite of Confirmation will be administered to a class of six young people at the 11 a.m. service of the Hope Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 26.

The senior confirmation class is in the first class to be confirmed under the new program of instruction adopted by the members of Hope Lutheran in 1961. At that time, the congregation joined with other congregations of the Lutheran Church in America to begin a three-year confirmation instruction program.

Members of the confirmation class are Philip Isensee, Don Mischelson, John Rusli, Dean Rulledge, Pam Schoube, and Steve Voss. They will receive their first communion on Pentecost Sunday, June 2.

Sale Boosts Parish Fund

MGUNT SHASTA—St. Anthony's Altar Society met May 14 for a business and social meeting in the parish hall, with Mrs. William Freeman, Mrs. William Dorn, and Mrs. Marie Murray as hostesses.

The president, Amy Moon, reported the recent bake sale and bazaar had netted \$246.65. It was announced that the members had been invited to attend the Sixty-sixth Annual Convention of the Catholic Women in Tulelake on May 21. Following the meeting, Rev. Michael Dermody showed slides of the Catholic marriage ceremony.

Protestant Mission Dated By Kingsley Field Chapel

A Protestant Religious Mission is to be conducted at the Kingsley Field Chapel, May 26 to 29. Dr. Gerald Pedersen, the campus pastor at Portland State College, will present the theme, "Grandeur of the Christian."

The Protestant Mission is conducted annually on Air Force installations to deepen understanding of Christianity. The four-day program at Kingsley Field is for all Protestants.

Advance reservations are required for the women's luncheon on Monday, May 27, and for the men's luncheon on Wednesday, May 29. Call Ext. 211 or Ext. 411 at least 24 hours in advance.

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BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE — Five candles and a cake signify the fifth anniversary of the Klamath Falls Gospel Mission, which will be celebrated with a banquet Friday night at the Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church. Assisting with the preparations are, from left, John Pedersen, superintendent, and two members of the mission's board of directors, Joe Allen of Dorris and Joe Emmert. The public is invited to attend the birthday program beginning at 6:30 p.m. For tickets contact the mission at TU 2-4895.

Mission Head Plans Talks

Alonso Heath of Bakersfield, Calif., will be the guest speaker for both the 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. services at the Klamath Temple on Sunday, May 26. The public is invited to attend.

Currently serving as superintendent of the Bakersfield Rescue Mission which he founded, Heath is also president of the Central Pacific District of International Union of Gospel Missions. Prior to his work with rescue missions

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