



BUILDING DEDICATED — The new addition to St. Pius X Catholic Church, designated as a parish hall and confraternity classrooms, was formally dedicated Tuesday morning by the Bishop of Baker, Most Rev. Francis P. Leppig, D.D., right, shown with the pastor, Rev. George Murphy. Constructed at an approximate cost of \$73,727, the multipurpose unit includes two halls equipped with sliding sound-proof partitions which can be arranged for any combination of rooms. Previously without a parish hall, the church will use the building for all social activities as well as for the religious instruction of its parishioners.

Teacher Shortage, Student Surplus Result In Parochial School Crisis

EDITOR'S NOTE: What are the hard facts behind the much-discussed "crisis in Catholic education?" In the following dispatch, UPI correspondent Louis Cassels examines in depth the problems of too few teachers, too many students in the Catholic educational system.

United Press International
WASHINGTON (UPI)—St. Leo's Catholic School in suburban Fairfax, Va., is typical of thousands of parochial schools in the United States.

It has a shortage of teachers and a surplus of students. In the past, St. Leo's has offered a complete elementary school program, from kindergarten through the eighth grade. This fall, however, it is dropping its kindergarten and first grade.

"We feel it is more necessary to have the upper grades than the lower grades if we can't have them all," explained Father Walter F. Malloy.

Throughout the nation, parochial schools are finding it increasingly difficult, if not impossible, to expand their teaching staffs and classroom space to accommodate an ever-growing body of applicants. More and more of them are solving the problem, or at least easing it somewhat, by dropping their lower grades.

Some parochial schools in Cincinnati, Ohio, have already curtailed their lower grades, and Bishop Paul F. Leibold announced recently that it may be necessary to drop the first four grades of all church-operated schools in the archdiocese.

Curtailed enrollment is being met by the National Catholic Welfare Conference, curtailment of lower grades has also begun in Kansas City; St. Louis; Cleveland; Columbus, Ohio; Green Bay, Wis.; Spokane, Wash.; Fargo, N.C.; Clinton, Iowa; St. Paul, Minn., and Richmond, Va. It is under consideration in many other dioceses.

Whenever a parochial school drops one or more grades, the public schools serving the same community experience a sudden spurt in enrollment. Some Catholic educators have seriously proposed closing down all elementary grades in parochial schools, in order to concentrate the church's educational efforts on the high school years.

If this were done, U.S. public schools would have to find classrooms and teachers for 4.5 million children more than they are now educating. It also would mean a corresponding increase in the local tax load.

Such a drastic shifting of the educational burden is not likely to take place in the foreseeable future. Most Catholic authorities are still committed to the ideal of providing a religiously-oriented education for Catholic children throughout their formative years.

But even the most ardent advocates of this ideal are being compelled to admit the necessity of making some compromise with the goal of "every Catholic child in a Catholic school."

No Room
At present, fewer than half of the nation's Catholic youngsters are enrolled in Catholic schools. About 54 per cent are going to public schools, some by choice, many because there is simply no room for them in parochial schools.

Despite the millions of children who are performed turned away each fall, Catholic schools in many cities are severely overcrowded. Where public schools are trying to limit class size to a maximum of 25 or 30 students, many parochial schools have classes of 60 to 70 students.

This kind of overcrowding makes it difficult to do even a mediocre job of teaching, and protests from Catholic parents have induced a number of major dioceses, including those of St. Louis, Richmond and Baltimore, to take steps to limit parochial school classes to 50 students or less.

Enforcement of this ceiling will mean turning many additional applicants away to the public schools.

Why don't Catholics expand their school system to handle all the children seeking admission? The answer is that they have tried to do just that, but have been overwhelmed by the sheer magnitude of the task. Enrollment in Catholic schools has almost doubled since 1950. The frantic pace of expansion is illustrated by the archdiocese of Chicago, which has invested more than \$60 million in new schools during the past five years. Nationwide, the total investment in Catholic school buildings is now estimated at \$5 billion. There are more than 12,000 Catholic schools of all types. Their annual operating costs exceed \$825 million.

And the costs are rising sharply. In the past, Catholic schools have been able to provide education at a far lower cost per child than public schools because most of their teachers were unsalaried nuns. In 1950, only 7 per cent of all elementary teachers in Catholic schools were laymen.

Hire Lay Teachers
But the number of nuns available for teaching duty has not grown as fast as the number of children to be taught. As a result, Catholic schools have increasingly had to hire lay teachers — and pay them salaries. This fall, about 30 per cent of the elementary teaching staff in parochial schools will be composed of laymen.

To finance the rising cost of the world's largest private school system, the Catholic Church relies heavily on voluntary contributions from its members, or the proceeds of fund-raising activities such as bake sales, bazaars or bingo games. Tuition payments have traditionally been kept low for the sake of poor families and large families. At the elementary school level, they rarely exceed \$50 to \$100 per year, compared to the \$600 to \$1,000 tuition charge which a parent would encounter at a private day school.

These are the hard facts behind the much-discussed "crisis in Catholic education." They explain why Catholics feel so strongly about having parochial schools included in any general program of federal aid to education. Why they are ready to experiment with "shared time" arrangements under which Catholic school children take some of their courses in public schools, and why Catholic parents in a growing number of parishes are being told that they'll have to start their children in a public school, even though they prefer a parochial education.

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Hope Lutheran Outlines Fall Plans

Hope Lutheran Church will open its Pre-School Church School for children from 3 to 5 years old on Monday, Sept. 9. Conducted from 9:30 to 11:30 each morning for two weeks, the school will have a registration fee of 75 cents per child. A daily offering will also be received.

The director of the school will be Miss Nancy-Jo Nelson, the parish worker assigned to the church. Her staff will include Mrs. Loyal Neth, Mrs. Frank Wheeler, Mrs. Warren W. Pechman, Mrs. James Stantbeck, and Mrs. Richard Young.

Rally Day for the Hope Lutheran Sunday Church School will be held Sunday, Sept. 8, with the teaching staff to be installed at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services. A coffee hour in honor of the teachers will follow the second service.

The staff includes Ted Moore, superintendent; George Kilen, chairman of the Christian Education Committee; William Hagerman, Rev. and Mrs. Warren Pechman, Mrs. Frank Wheeler, Mrs. Winston Kurth, Mrs. Marisee Malm, Mrs. Claud Rodgers, Miss Patricia Isensee, and Miss Mary Voss.

The Sunday Church School will include classes for all ages from 3 to senior high school.

The Weekday Church School for young people entering the fifth through the tenth grades will begin with the Parent, Student, Teacher Conference at 7:30 p.m.

On Sept. 12, regular classes will be conducted each week on Wednesday afternoon at 4:30, with the exception of the senior confirmation class (ninth and tenth grades) which will meet at 7 p.m.

Also on Hope Lutheran's fall agenda is a series of leadership classes for the congregation to prepare the teachers of the various church schools. The leadership courses, "As the Teacher Teaches" and "Helping Children and Youth Know Doctrine," will be forerunners of the new curriculum now being prepared by the Lutheran Church in America.

The first course will be taught by Rev. Warren Pechman on Sept. 25, beginning at 12 noon. Miss Nelson will instruct the second course each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Bible Epic 'To End All'

ROME (UPI) — Somewhere in the woods not far from Rome, a young couple is going to gamble in the nude before the movie cameras in what the producer insists is in the most "innocent" scene ever filmed.

It is one of the opening sequences of Dino De Laurentis' epic to end all epics — "The Bible."

After three years of writing and preparation, the shooting starts in the Garden of Eden, showing Adam and Eve dressed as Adam and Eve.

De Laurentis admits that he has spent a good deal of time thinking about how the scene can be made.

"First, we have to have a girl who portrays innocence itself. She cannot be any known actress, or that immediately would do away with the effect.

"And she must be absolutely uninhibited. If there is any indication she is self-conscious, then the scene automatically falls into the class of nude scenes in hundreds of other movies."

Well-kept Secret
De Laurentis isn't saying where the actual shooting will take place. It's a well-kept secret and all pains are being taken to make certain it doesn't leak out.

Directing the scene is France's Robert Bresson. He is charged with directing the first part of "The Bible" dealing with the creation on through to the murder of Abel by Cain.

Doing the entire script is Christopher Fry, noted poet and playwright. Even while shooting is getting underway for the opening of the epic, preparations are almost complete for further scenes. Orson Wells will direct the Abraham-Isaac episode and sets are being constructed on the lava-scarred slopes of Mount Etna, the active volcano in Sicily.

The third director taking part in the first, three-hour-long film of "The Bible" is Italy's Luciano Visconti, who does the Joseph and his brethren episodes. These will get underway in Egypt in October.

Film Segment
Actually, the entire film will be broken down into three or four parts.

The opening, three-hour film contains the episodes mentioned above.

"What I want to make," explains De Laurentis, "is a film that will be as good 50 years from now as it is now."

"It must follow truly the Bible. In other words, it is a story that if done as it should be done once, will never have to be done again."

De Laurentis is no newcomer to Bible epics. His film "Barabas" still is making money around the world.

But the producer himself is the first to admit that "The Bible" must go a long way ahead of "Barabas" in artistic merit.

"I have pulled together the best writer, Christopher Fry, and the best directors alive today. I'm certain that the end result will be a film we all can be proud of, a film that will not fade with the years."

SPOILS LONG RECORD
MARLOW, England (UPI) — Charles Alberton Athley, 62, said his 50-year record of driving without receiving a ticket was spoiled Thursday when he was fined \$5.60 for a parking violation.

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'Wickedest Town In West' Tamed By Eastern Pastor With Purpose

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press International

One hot summer day in 1877, the train from the east pulled into Dodge City, Kan., bearing a small, dignified man in top hat and tailcoat.

He attracted curious looks and a few sticklers as he climbed down from the dusty railroad coach, claimed his valise, and made his way through a crowd of roughly dressed cowpokes to the hotel on Front Street.

If the onlookers had known who he was, and why he had come to Dodge City, they wouldn't have snickered. They'd have laughed out loud.

Dodge City in those days was proud of its reputation as "the wickedest town in the West." And it fully deserved the title. Front Street was about as wide open as a street can get. The saloons stayed open all night, and the houses of prostitution did a booming business. Any cattleman who got tired of liquor and sex could find a high-stakes poker game to keep him amused. Gun fights and wanton killings were almost as common, in actual fact, as TV Westerns would have you believe.

The one thing that Dodge City didn't have — and didn't want — was a church.

Ministers Left Quickly
Several itinerant preachers had ventured into the "Babylon of the West" but all of them had left precipitately, at the invitation of the townfolk.

The little man in the top hat may have thought of all this when he boldly signed his name in the hotel register.

"The Reverend O. M. W. Wright."

The Rev. Mr. Wright was a field representative of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions in New York. He had not come to Dodge City to conduct a few preaching services and flee for his life. His audacious purpose was to plant the cross of Christ firmly and conspicuously in this citadel of Satan. He had come, in short, to build a church.

The incredible fact is that he did it. He even managed, in time, to make deacons out of Bat Masterson and Wyatt Earp.

"Why this man succeeded where others had failed remains a historical mystery," said Presbyterian Life magazine this week, in an article paying overdue tribute to the little-known preacher.

Actually, it's not such a mystery. Old histories of Dodge City record an incident which took place shortly after the Rev. Mr. Wright's arrival, which made a tremendous impression on the gun-toting cowboys and the women who entertained them.

A prostitute had been killed by a stray bullet during a saloon brawl. A delegation of dismayed and drunken cowboys went to the preacher's hotel room and awakened him with loud knocking on the door. They told him what had happened, and asked him to give the luckless girl "Christian burial."

He performed funeral services in those strait-laced days, most ministers would have humbly rejected such a request. But the Rev. Mr. Wright did not. He performed the funeral service, reading over the girl's grave the Gospel account of Christ's tenderness toward a woman taken in adultery.

This act of compassion seems to have established a rapport between the prim-looking little preacher and the rough men and women whom he had come to serve. The Rev. Mr. Wright soon began to hold religious services in whatever quarters were available to him — usually a saloon or dance hall. He was able to tell the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, in his first official report, that he had 13 regular members of his congregation.

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And that's how Dodge City got its first church.

Rally Day Marks Race Of Balloons
The first annual balloon race will climax Rally Day at the Klamath Lutheran Church on Sunday, Sept. 8, adding a unique feature to the observance.

Each child attending the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School on Rally Day will receive a helium-filled balloon with a return postcard attached. The card will include the child's name, an invitation to worship at Klamath Lutheran, and a blank to be filled in by the finder giving the exact location the balloon was found.

Prizes will be awarded Sunday, Oct. 13, to children whose balloons traveled the greatest distance and to those who have the best attendance at Sunday School up to that time.

The cards, as they are returned, will be placed on a map in the parish education unit to show where each balloon was found.

Willard McKinny, chairman of the board of parish education, said a full Sunday School staff will be ready to serve the number of students anticipated on Rally Day and that new materials have been secured for all age groups from the department of parish education of the American Lutheran Church.

On Sunday, Sept. 15, an adult Sunday School class will be added to the church program. Scheduled at 9:30 a.m., the class will be instructed by Rev. Malcolm Unseth, pastor.

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Graham Fair Site Readied

NEW YORK (CBN) — The Billy Graham Pavilion at the New York World's Fair will cost approximately \$400,000, exclusive of the site and landscaping. Construction began in March and is expected to be completed by November, according to officials of The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Made available by the New York World's Fair Corporation, the site, nearly 50,000 square feet in extent, will be enclosed by an octagonal garden wall to provide a quiet atmosphere in the area immediately surrounding the pavilion.

The pavilion will have exits on both New York Avenue and the Avenue of Europe and incorporate a theater section with a seating capacity of 500.

Octagonal in shape, the pavilion will be encircled by a gallery area which will house exhibits from many countries. The rotunda will also include a chapel which will seat 150; counseling rooms; and a lounge and offices for Graham's team members and counselors, who will be on duty each day.

The theater and exhibition gallery will be air-conditioned. The gallery will provide an area for leisure enjoyment as well as serving as a waiting room between showings of a 28-minute evangelistic film each hour in the theater section.

Meet Held For Laymen
Four representatives of the First Methodist Church are attending the eighth annual Oregon Methodist Men's Assembly which opened today in Salem. They are C. H. Barnstable, Harvey Brannan, Harry Lemier, and Bruce Stewart.

The theme for the meeting is "Religion in an Age of Scientific Technology." Dr. Donald William Stodler, science supervisor of the Portland Public Schools since 1949, is one of the featured speakers. His family was elected "Methodist Family of the Year" in 1962.

Held on the Willamette University campus, the Sept. 6-8 assembly is sponsored by the Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Church in Oregon.

MORMON METHOD
NEW YORK (UPI) — Mormons tith a full 10 per cent of all they have and earn, and after this to the church, they still support their local ward parish and donate their work besides, says Catholic Digest. Zealous Mormon men also consider it a duty to devote two years to the missions at their own expense, the publication said.

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DAVID TERRY CATMULL

Church Bell Ringing Set Youth Called To Australia

LANGELL VALLEY — At the Aug. 29 meeting of the Guild of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church at the home of Cheryl Keedy, it was reported that the rock bell tower for the church had been completed.

The tower's bell, the old Bonanza High School bell, was donated to the church by the Clements Ranch of Bonanza, and the guild was instrumental in raising funds to install it. Erected in memory of Tommy Lindsay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Lindsay, the bell will ring for the first time on Sept. 8.

In other business, the members voted to sponsor a rummage sale at the old variety store in Bonanza on Oct. 5.

Following the meeting, attended by nine members and two guests, the women sewed articles for the guild's fall bazaar. The next meeting is scheduled Sept. 26 at the home of Ethel Jones in Dairy.

BLASPHEMY VETOED
WASHINGTON, D.C.—A Johannesburg, South Africa artist, Harold Rubin, has been acquitted on charges of blasphemy connected with his controversial painting of Christ, says Church and State magazine. The publication quoted the magistrate as replying, "What was considered blasphemy in the Middle Ages is no longer considered so by us in South Africa."

PRAYER UNITY
The World Day of Prayer, observed on the first Friday in Lent and sponsored by women of the major Protestant and Orthodox communions, has a history of 75 years. Basically, the same service is used by groups in approximately 150 countries and areas of the world.

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FUTURE MISSIONARIES — Delivering his farewell sermon at the Lorella Full Gospel Church last Sunday, Rev. Eugene Willis planned to move to Portland this week to prepare for a foreign mission assignment in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Accompanying him to the mission field will be his daughter Kathy, 4; son Bobby, 3; and his wife, Joyce.

Lorella Pastor Awaits Ecuador Mission Work

Rev. Eugene Willis and his family are already making plans for their future missionary work in Ecuador, although his appointment to the town of Guayaquil will probably not become effective until next summer.

Moving to Langell Valley three years and eight months ago from Portland, the family was to return there this week to prepare for the four-year foreign mission assignment. Rev. Willis delivered his farewell sermon at the Lorella Full Gospel Church on Sept. 1, the day after the congregation honored the family with a picnic at Bonanza Big Springs Park.

With Portland as a center of operations, Rev. and Mrs. Willis will begin an itinerant schedule among the Oregon Assemblies of God, traveling on a preaching circuit. Later this fall, they will return to the Klamath section to conduct special missionary services.

Rev. Willis hopes to go to Costa Rica for language studies in May, and then take up his missionary duties within the next few months. He will be among the first missionaries of his denomination assigned to the country, as the work in Ecuador was just opened to the Assemblies of God in December of 1962.

A graduate of the Central Bible Institute and Seminary in Springfield, Mo., where he obtained his B. A. degree in Bible, Rev. Willis also attended the Canyonville Bible Academy for two years.

While in Portland, Rev. and Mrs. Willis, with their two children, Kathy, 4, and Bobby, 3, will reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Keller, at 3177 North Willamette Blvd.

Adventists Talk Health

Dr. R. W. Graham and Elder Manley Miles, pastor of the local Seventh-day Adventist Church, were among some 400 doctors and ministers of the Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, who attended the first annual Medical-Ministerial Council.

Held at the church-owned Big Lake Camp, east of Salem, the meetings were concerned with matters of community health interests and health education, including public health drives, home nursing, nutrition, and services in convalescent homes.

Five-day stop smoking clinics, conducted as a public service, were also studied and updated, and first aid classes in civil defense projects were planned. The four-day conference ended Sept. 1.

Refreshments will be served by the host church after the program. No offerings will be taken.

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The admonition to the child of God, then, is to be calm of mind, having mental self-control, being constantly aware of the deliberate, fierce and subtle persistence of the destroyer of men's souls.
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