



CHURCH PLANT . . . Construction on a two-story addition to the church plant of the Rolling Hills Covenant Church is expected to begin early in 1965. The artist's sketch shows the present building at left, while the future sanctuary is shown on the right. Present plans call for the building of the two-story connecting structure to house the Sunday School. A kick-off dinner for the building fund drive is to be held this evening.



PERFECT STUDENTS . . . Three students at Bishop Montgomery High School carried home perfect report cards at the end of the first quarter last week. Meeting here to discuss those straight "A" reports are John Redding, a junior; Francine Genta, a sophomore, and Richard Romero, also a sophomore. They were the only three students—out of a student body of 1,200—to maintain perfect academic records for the quarter.

Operation Bootstrap

Experiment at West High Fights Dropout Problem

Twelve boys at West High are participating in an experimental approach to the dropout problem that might well be dubbed "operation bootstrap."

With the help of a specially trained teacher, a dozen boys who have two things in common—normal intelligence and a long-standing record of academic failure—are learning to break the pattern of failure. Purpose of the special instruction class is to get the boys to help themselves.

When they reach the point where they have not only had a taste of success, but can continue to keep up with their fellow tenth-graders academically, they are returned to regular classes.

EVERY ONE of the boys in class at one time performed up to his ability, states their teacher, Clyde Poulson. "Re-know they can do well again," says Poulson, "and we want to give them that chance."

How does a boy learn to succeed?

By carrying out what he himself has said he would do, according to Poulson. During each period every day each of the 12 boys has an individual conference with the teacher at which time they agree as to what work he will complete that hour. Sticking to the terms of their verbal "contract" is the student's first step on the ladder of success.

OCCASIONALLY a student will zoom ahead in a particular area of the curriculum. In that case he gets a whack at attending a regular class in that particular subject while remaining in the special class for the other three subjects. For the 12 students involved in the program, the school day consists of four periods in the special class and two periods with the rest of the 10th grade: physical education and shop. World History,

English 11, Reading and either Remedial Math or Algebra I are taught in the special class.

Before a student can be placed in the special class, which is part of a statewide pilot study, he must undergo a thorough screening. Physical tests are given to make sure there is no medical reason for his academic failure. A psychological evaluation and family history are taken by the school psychologist; and a screening committee goes over his records. Both the student and his parents must agree to his participating in the program.

AT ANY TIME his progress indicates he is ready to return to a regular class in any subject his parents are invited to have a conference with the teacher, counselor, psychologist and assistant principal. Promotion to regular classes is a gradual process. First the student is returned to a single class, later to two classes. If he continues to turn out satisfactory work, total promotion takes place.

One feature of the tutor-type program is the inclusion of small group discussions in the program. A wide variety of teaching aids—including programmed textbooks, tape recorder, record player, typewriters and individual study stations—are provided for stimulation.

HELPING each student to develop his own goals, educationally and vocationally, is part of the picture. According to Poulson, the opportunity to make choices of tasks aids the students in setting goals as well as developing enthusiasm for learning. "For this reason the curriculum is flexible, tailored to the individual needs of each student, providing content which is of immediate meaning and importance to the learner," he says.

"From this initial impetus it is possible to progress to other areas of knowledge," he adds.

What future plans does Poulson envision for the group? A discussion group for parents which could meet regularly with the teacher and school psychologist is one goal the teacher would like to see realized.



PROJECT LIFE . . . Thirty-five faculty members of Fleming Junior High volunteered as blood donors to replace blood supplied by Red Cross to the husband of a teacher during surgery. Mrs. Martha Harter, right, a Fleming teacher, explains faculty support to Peggy Watchel, high school volunteer, and Miss Carman Eckhart, volunteer nurse, at the Red Cross facility at the Elks Club. Mrs. Robert Orsini, local chairman of the program, reported 259 persons volunteered as donors Thursday with a net collection of 222 pints of blood.

Three Montgomery High Students Earn All 'A's

Being named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Bishop Montgomery High School is something special—but not entirely unique—unless you happen to be one of three students who head that listing.

The three students, a junior and two sophomores, maintained perfect academic records for the first quarter of the fall term. They are John Redding, Francine Genta, and Richard Romero.

Redding, the junior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Redding of 20521 Eastwood Ave. He got straight "A's" in English III, Latin III, Algebra II, religion, U. S. history, and chemistry. He belongs to the scholarship club, science club,

and runs for the cross country team.

Miss Genta, the only girl in the trio, earned her "A's" in English II, modern history, Latin II, geometry, and religion. She is a member of the scholarship federation, Junior Red Cross, and Glee Club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Genta, 2720 Martha Ave.

Romero, another sophomore, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Romero of 5621 Clearstar Ave. He maintained a straight "A" average in world history, biology, geometry, Latin II, English II, and religion. A member of the scholarship club, Romero is active in the Junior Classical League.

Serra Speakers Claim Medals in Speech Tourney

Serra High School speakers won two gold medals and nine certificates during the Catholic Forensic League tournament at Pater Noster High School.

Gold medals for debate were won by Mike Melville and Rutter and by William Hassel and Jones.

Certificates of merit were won by Melville, Hassel, Dave Williams, Charles Kimble, Steve Fesuk, Gary Heil, Walter Brennan, Neil Babcock, and James Poche.

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DENTURE WEARERS SAVE CASH DURING HOLIDAY SEASON

Dr. Campbell's Annual Event Draws Hundreds The dental profession has a problem staying busy during the latter part of November and December, according to Dr. F.E. Campbell, dentist. "Those whom we serve usually have their minds and money on things other than their teeth," Dr. Campbell said. "And most people are pressed for cash."

MORE THAN MONEY TO BE CONSIDERED

Dr. Campbell pointed out that in November and December dentists have extra time to devote to each case. "No matter where you go for dentures during the holiday season, dentists are less pressed for time, as a rule," he said. "Even with special year-end offers, we have been less busy than in other months."

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