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New High School to Open in Fall

The Sisters of Mercy announced the opening of Our Lady Mercy High School for girls, when completed, will enroll 1500 students. All latest innovations have been included in the physical plant to accommodate the most modern of teaching methods. Classrooms, laboratories, auditorium and an indoor swimming pool have all been developed to complement a complete educational program. The library is centrally located to the classroom group and will be a Curriculum Material Center of 25,000 volumes.

High school students who wish to attend Our Lady of Mercy High School next fall should complete their enrollment within the next few weeks. Students who will begin high school next fall and are currently attending a parochial grade school should plan to write the E.T.S. examination which will be offered in their school January 5, 1965. Those students enrolled in public schools may obtain information about writing the E.T.S. examination by calling the Registrar prior to January 5, 1965 at Ke 1-6100.

Any information about the new school may be obtained by writing or calling the Registrar, Our Lady of Mercy School, Southfield and Curtis, Detroit 35, Michigan, Ke 1-6100.

FACTS and OPINIONS By PAUL CHANDLER



(Editor's Note: This Christmas "Facts and Opinions" column was first published in December, 1959. At the request of many of our readers, we are reprinting it today.)

Mary and Joseph had a son 1959 years ago (if for these purposes we interpret the Julian calendar literally) but what if we decide that Christ was born just this morning, possibly an hour ago?

It is likely, some know that in Deep Eyes far in Space, the gap between Jesus' birth and our current wretched holiday in the Suburbs may be no less than two hours . . . and possibly, three minutes or one split second.

Sometime next year the United States intends to send a scientific clock aloft. Only the mystics and the scientists know what facts are hoped for in the cold voids of space, but they are trying to check out something that troubled the mind of Albert Einstein when he died.

Einstein believed a clock would race madly if taken into outer space because, for one thing, gravity is a feeble force there. Somehow, in some ratio of reality to the real truth, there is great suspicion today among deep thinkers that Time is a relative thing. On the surface of the Earth, it stays steady and measurable, but out a billion miles where the stars are only gassy fires, and the quadrillion miles beyond that landmark . . . well?

Most understand the enigmas in terms of other sense-detected facts. An object sits on a table. It has a certain dimension. But to a near sighted man it has a different size really than to a far sighted one. And from one end of a telescope it is "tiny" from the other, massive. The size shifts. Yes, whatever, it is the same object without argument. A sound from close-by clangs. Far away, it tinkles. Nonetheless, this must be one, identical sound unchanged in itself, different not in its origin but in its reception.

But when it comes to Time . . . we let the sands drop into the bottom of the glass and assume that throughout the Eternal Everywhere, however giant and impossible to understand, that the peace is measured by a constant Divine metronome beating, beating . . . to a single universal tempo identical on the surface of the earth and the skin of the moon.

It isn't likely, though science yet can't prove it.

So, to many, the birth of Christ isn't a misty fable of centuries past when men didn't shave and all manner of people were hypnotized by impossible fantasies of angels and heavenly trumpets while silly camels and donkeys were the only transportation.

In Deep Eyes beyond, it might have happened only a second ago, with the history gap between the night in Bethlehem and the present shopping rush in the Wayne County suburbs being no time at all.

It is quite likely that we human beings are being judged not as successors, but as contemporaries of Christ, if we are being judged at all. That is not theology, or faith, or superstition . . . it's Science.

And if we are being judged—and most of mortal mankind has come to this conclusion—then the decision for Christmas always, and particularly at this time of year, is to determine what the birth of Christ means, and, as part of that, when it really happened.

We offer not an abstract, dreamy, fanciful topic. It is as (Continued on Page 12)



CAROLERS at the home of William E. Axelson, 32836 Hearstone, in Farmington Township.

Times 'Most Hopeful' Since Birth of Christ?

President Lyndon Johnson said last week that we are living in the most hopeful times for mankind "since Christ was

born at Bethlehem." Three Farmington Ministers have comments on the President's statement for the Observer.

Rev. Carl Kalfreider, Minister Antioch Lutheran Church Christmas — the end of another year — December! They all seem to breed thoughts of reflection of the twelve months past: of past accomplishments

and future plans, of mistakes and promises. But what of these future plans? Of the promises of peace to be done? President Johnson has said that "these are the most hopeful times for mankind since the birth of Christ in Bethlehem."

At this Christmas season, one looks at the world with its teeming masses and still sees millions who hunger, thousands more without homes and in a state of unrest brought about by political maneuvering and desire for power.

Here in our own land, man is yet striving to find dignity and rights as a human being. Murder, poverty, displacement, and human degradation still thrive in a time when we (Continued on Page 2)

All Observer Offices Closed On Saturday

All offices of the Observer Newspapers will be closed Saturday, Dec. 26, to give employees the advantage of the long holiday weekend.

All will be open for business as usual on Monday morning at 9 a.m.

The offices are: Livonia Observer at 33050 Five Mile Road; Plymouth Observer in the First Federal Savings and Loan Building at the corner of Main and Pennington Avenues; and Farmington Observer at 33425 Grand River.

Christmas Message

By Msgr. Thomas P. Beahan
 Pastor Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church
 Christmas is a time when Christian charity prevails quite generally throughout the land. Almost everyone is anxious to bring joy and happiness into the hearts of others even though it may require considerable personal sacrifice. This manifestation of love for our fellowman most surely has its inspiration from the first Christmas.

It was not by accident that Christ was born poor. He freely chose to be poor when He might have lived here as the richest person in history. He did so to teach us a vital lesson about poverty, a most important lesson for our day in which unprecedented prosperity flourishes alongside of abject destitution. Applying this lesson day by day and not just at Christmas time could be our most effective weapon in our war against poverty.

Root Issue Resolved By Council

The Farmington City Council met on Dec. 21, and apparently resolved the Bill Root Chevrolet parking lot issue, which has generated considerable heat recently. With respect to this matter, the Board announced the conclusions of its special executive board meeting of Dec. 11.

In the future, according to the report, the building inspector will be asked to work closely with the City Planning Commission. He will be in attendance at all future Planning Commission meetings, participating in Planning Commission activities whenever his special technical knowledge can be of benefit to the Planning Commission.

In the future both the Building Inspector and the City Manager are to consult with the City Attorney or the City Planning Commission on any matters that are not clearly defined in the Zoning Ordinance or Building Code. It is hoped that in this way we will avoid repetition of the recent case where incorrect interpretation of the Zoning (Continued on Page 2)

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