

Mormons Building Livonia Church With Their Own Hands

Like their fathers and forefathers for generations before them, members of the Livonia Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints are building their new church with their own hands.

Every evening—except the Sabbath—since ground was broken in June on the site at Six Mile Road and Merriman, there's been a score of more men from the church going at all phases of the construction work with great efficiency.

Bishop Charles Baldrée, of Alexander Drive, Livonia, is head of the congregation that now numbers 225 families and about 650 members.

He said the group hopes to have the church ready to occupy by the end of the year—a production sched-

ule that compares favorably with any church building time-table you could name.

"It's probably a little shorter than average," said Baldrée. "We try to organize carefully so that every evening the men know exactly what to do next."

Baldrée said Governor George Romney—his church's most prominent member—is planning to be present for the dedication, tentatively scheduled for Jan. 15.

"He had planned to be with us for the groundbreaking," Baldrée said, "but the big tax bill came up just then and he couldn't get away."

It's not at all unusual for Mormon churches to be built by their members, own toll.

"For one thing, our church believes in hard work," Baldrée explained.

He said there had been some difficulties with local unions over the unusual procedure, "but I think we have that straightened out now."

The union members he added, have agreed to let members of the church donate their time to the work.

At this stage of construction, union brick layers are on the job, but the carpentry work is being done by the churchmen—and a few women.

Members laid the foundation and put up the frame, and now are working on 87 buttresses to hold the roof.

A few older teenagers joined their fathers in the

work, and during the summer the church got work permits so some of the youngsters could help.

At least 100 members have been in on actual construction work so far, Baldrée said, and they come from varying professions.

The young bishop is a market analyst for the Ford Motor Co. Also giving a lot of work and time to the project are Lynn Bodley, Ford financial analyst, Bill Tanner, employed by Burroughs Corp. in production planning, Roy Walker, systems analyst for J. Walter Thompson Co. and Earl Day, who works at the General Motors Corp. Chevrolet plant.

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LJC Lodge to Meet
The next regular lodge meeting of the Livonia Jewish Congregation will be held Thursday, Sept. 21, at 8:30 p.m. at the Congregation's buildings on Six Mile Road, Livonia.

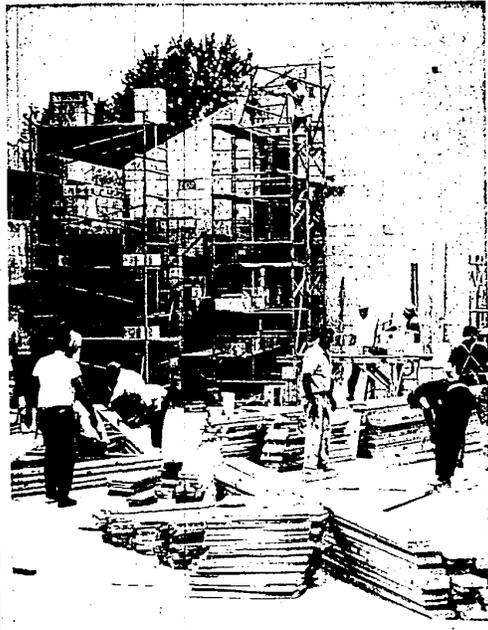
OLS Group Sets Fashion Design Show
A new idea in style shows entitled "Adventures in Fashion Design" will be presented by the Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows Altar Society at 8 p.m. at the Bon-Brook Country Club Tuesday, Sept. 26.

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