

# Trinity UP breaks ground for Christian ed building

The congregation of Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Dallas, participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for a new educational wing following services Sunday morning.

The Rev. Andrew Pillarella, pastor of the church, and Mrs. Ann N. Cahoon, moderator of the Lackawanna Presbytery to which the church belongs, officiated at the ceremony which marked the beginning of the installation of a Christian education building.

Trinity recently purchased a modular building formerly owned by the Wyoming Valley West School District and consisting of more than 2,500 square feet of classroom space.

The structure will be erected with the assistance of members of the congregation and Ide Construction Company. Plans

call for the installation of a garage area beneath a portion of the new building.

Assisting in the groundbreaking ceremonies in addition to Mrs. Cahoon and the Rev. Pillarella were Elders Don Flick, Ralph Snyder and M. Margaret Huff; Allen H. Brague, president of the board of deacons; Church Secretary Dana P. Dungey; Adult Choir Director Virginia Swanson; Children's Choir Director June Houser; Catherine Bolinski and Scott Davidson of the Trinity Teens; Mrs. Ida Koeb from the Women's Association; Trinity Club President Jim Gry, Mrs. Audrey Lockhart of the Nursery School, Lori Davidson of the Westminster Youth Fellowship, and George W. Davis and Leroy Roberts from the congregation.

A coffee hour was held immediately following the ceremonies.



**GROUND BREAKING**--Presiding over the groundbreaking service for the new educational wing of the Trinity United Presbyterian Church is Rev. Andrew Pillarella, pastor. Left to right are Rev. Pillarella, Elder

John Thomas, Audrey Lockhart, Ralph Snyder, Lori Davidson, Mrs. Margaret Huff, Dana Dungey, June Houser, and Don Flick, breaking ground.

## 'Down Memory Lane'

This is the final reminder to get your tickets and come to the Dallas Mothers Club Minstrel show, "Down Memory Lane", to be presented Friday, April 27th, and Saturday, April 28th, at 8 p.m. in the Dallas Junior High Auditorium. Tickets are available at the door or from any club

member or cast member. Proceeds from the show provide windbreaker jackets for senior members of all athletic teams at Dallas Senior High.

For further information, contact Mrs. George Lewis, ticket chairman, or Mrs. Joseph Lehon, secretary.

## Noxen church hosts blood drive

A serious need for blood donors has prompted Roy Naylor, president of the Bowmans Creek Lions Club, to request the cooperation of all residents in Noxen and Monroe Townships, as well as the Kunkle and Harveys Lake area, to assist in the blood drive to be held on Monday afternoon, May 7, between the hours of 12:45 to 5:45, at First United Methodist Church in Noxen under auspices of the Bowmans Creek Lions.

The blood drive is receiving the support of various community groups in the Bowmans Creek area, and Naylor is urging all area residents to cooperate and insure a plentiful supply of the precious plasma for any

resident of the area. Mrs. Paul (Lisa) Nulton of Beaumont is heading the women's division for the drive, and is being assisted by Mrs. Martha Macialek of Noxen, co-chairwoman of the Ladies division. Mrs. Thelma Belles of Beaumont is heading the division of wives of Lions Club members, who will be in charge of food preparation that will be supplied blood donors following their donations.

Assisting Mrs. Belles are the following: Mrs. Martha Parks, Mrs. Mary Dendler, Mrs. Emma Richards, Mrs. Jean Clark, Mrs. Doris May, Mrs. Cathy McCormack, Mrs. Beverly Weiss, Mrs. Martha Brown, Mrs. Lisa Schenck, Mrs. Ruth Patton and Mrs. Josephine Bean.

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## Rahway Prison

What's more, the prisoners who conduct the "Scared Straight" program are actually giving up privileges to do it. Taking time to yell at the boys and make them see what they may be headed for means that they can't do the jobs around the prison that provide them with spending money.

"They're making a great personal sacrifice," he notes. "Besides that, the program is financed entirely by the prisoners themselves and contributors with no help from the penal system."

Cast believes that the Rahway experience is a valuable adjunct to his own efforts at St. Michael's. "I'm an educator in the art of living," he says of his work at the school. "I supervise all aspects of the boys lives from the time school ends until bedtime. But what I'm basically trying to do is to cram as much discipline as possible into their lives."

That discipline, in his view, is precisely what his charges need most. Many come from disorganized home situations or have let the temptation of momentary thrills get them into trouble.

But Rahway helps Cast show them that they'd better work with him and learn to shape up, for, if they enter prison, "There's no guarantee they'll get out alive."

Originally from Queens, N.Y., Cast went through the Pinecrest Bible College, intending to become a minister, and came to Harding to work for a church. But his involvement with St. Michael's led to his present life's work instead.

"I come from a background of hard knocks," he explains, "and so I can relate to the kids."

As for whether or not a Rahway visit actually helps the St. Michael's boys, Cast offers the example of one tough, swaggering, self-appointed

"leader" who underwent a complete turnaround after the trip.

"A prisoner took the boy offstage for about five minutes, and I don't know exactly what happened there. Afterward he wouldn't talk about it, but it was definitely a turning point in his life.

"From then on he took up four or five charges (school jobs done for pay) and became a completely different person."

Typical comments from his group, he says, were such as "I'm not going there" or "I'm going straight."

St. Michael's now maintains a continuing participation in the Rahway program, with another trip planned for the near future. Cast says he'd be glad to return, but he feels it's important to let the other counselors have the chance to take their own groups and find out for themselves how "Scared Straight" works.

## Retreat League meets in Dalton

St. Gabriels "Retreat League" comprised of women who attend weekend retreats at the retreat home in Dalton, Pa., recently met at the home of Mrs. Helen Jerastic to complete plans for their annual lapboard "party".

A "bake sale" will also

be held. All women in the Kingston, Luzerne, and Back Mountain area are asked to bake and bring it to the party.

The party will be held at Sacred Heart Church auditorium in Luzerne, Sunday, April 29, at 2:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Passionist Nuns in Dalton, Pa.

## Joy Class plans birthday party

The Joy Class of Kunkle United Methodist Church will hold its annual birthday party and covered dish supper at 6 p.m. on April 26 at the church. Members are asked to bring a Birthday gift for

their Joy Pal and a covered dish.

Ruth Vaskas and Ayleen Landon will be co-hostesses. There will be a short business meeting after the supper to discuss plans for the annual flea market.

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