

# Physicians Journal Attacks 'The Pill' in Death Survey

Oak Park, Ill. — The current death rate for thromboembolism (blocking of blood vessels) caused by the birth control pill exceeds the death rate for acute polio in the last 50 years, according to Child and Family, a national reprint quarterly edited here by a group of physicians.

The current issue of Child and Family states that "it has now been established that The Pill causes 3 deaths per 100,000 women from thromboembolism" or a total of 180 deaths among the six million women using it in the United States. The magazine calls The Pill "the most dangerous drug ever introduced for use by the healthy in respect to lethality and major complications."

Dr. Hervert Ratner, Oak Park public health director and new editor of the magazine, told National Catholic News Service that the criticism of "The Pill" was aimed at all birth control pills currently being marketed by some 15 different companies in the United States.

### Points Fallacy

Claiming that The Pill enjoys "diplomatic immunity from criticism," the editorial attempts to document that it:

- has not solved the population crisis.
- has not received significant acceptance by the developing countries and among the poor.
- has "seduced" the real users of The Pill, the middle and upper classes of the United States, away from safe and well established means of birth control. (It quotes a physician who chaired an FDA Advisory Committee on Oral Contraceptives as saying, "If I were a young

lady these days and had any fear of cancer, I'd probably use an intrauterine device.")

—produces the "disease" of false pregnancy which predisposes to thrombosis and embolic phenomena and weakens the natural defense mechanism against cancer.

—has converted hundreds of thousands of women from a state of health to a state of illness.

"The Pill should have been removed from the market years ago," the magazine says. It adds:

"If for reasons of its own the Food and Drug Administration feels it cannot remove The Pill from the market on the same basis as other drugs, we would urge the FDA to appoint another committee to study the question of The Pill's safety."

"If the safety of the public is paramount, such a committee should be sympathetic to a long established principle of medicine, namely, to lean toward the worst diagnosis," the editorial said.

## Additional Property Aids Hendersonville Parish Parking

Hendersonville — The Rev. Joseph S. Showfety, pastor of the Immaculate Conception church, here, has announced the purchase of the property immediately adjacent to the Rectory.

The property has a frontage of 65 feet on Seventh Avenue W. and extends approximately 275 feet back to Sixth Avenue West. The purchase was prompted by the contemplated widening of Seventh Avenue in order to re-route U.S. Highway 64, and the resultant problems.

This additional area may eventually be used for off-street parking.

During the past six months, the physical properties of the parish have all undergone extensive renovations and plans for the future are being studied.

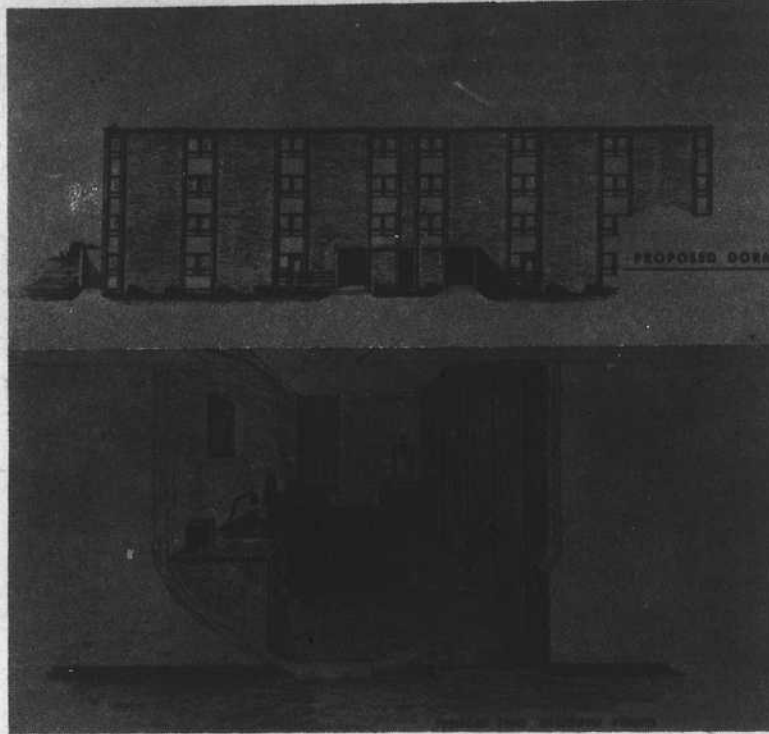
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# Sacred Heart Women's College Begins Dorm Building in Campus Expansion



Belmont — Initiating the development program here at Sacred Heart College, construction of the new dormitory has begun. The building will be located next to Doyle Hall and will have the same architecture. The dorm will face the woods with a separate entrance and have access to the driveway which circles from behind Doyle. It will have four floors, seventy rooms, a large recreation room, a sitting room, a lobby and date lounge, two guest suites, one kitchen and a study room. There will be a student lounge on every floor with soundproofing to create an atmosphere conducive to study.

The rooms will be the same size as those of Doyle Hall with wall-to-wall carpeting and draperies. One wall will be wood paneled and each room will have a vanity-sink. The rooms will be divided into suites, with a bath adjoining them. The bath will have simply a walk-in shower and tub rooms will be furnished on each floor.

The dormitory will accommodate 140 students with first preference given to the juniors. The new dorm will be connected to Doyle by an inside hallway.

After the dormitory is finished, work on the Fine Arts Building and the Student Union will begin.

## Nuns will 'Moonlight' To Make Ends Meet

St. Louis — (NC) — Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet here will take salaried jobs this summer to help meet the cost of education.

Sister Joan M. Gleason, provincial, said any of the Sisters may work this summer "preferably within the area of their present profession." Money earned by the nuns will be put into a central fund for education. The Sisters will continue to wear their experimental habits and a veil, and will retain their religious names in their summer

jobs, she said.

The idea for Sisters to take jobs was proposed by a committee of nuns and approved at the community general chapter last November.

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## People in Area of 6 Churches Invited To Neighborhood Tours

Charlotte — Parishioners of St. Ann's parish here are participating in a "Church Neighbors Tour" planned for March 3 between six congregations located in the Park Road area. Visiting time for the open-house will be between 2 and 6 p.m.

"Here is an opportunity to increase understanding of your neighbor's religion to give and to receive hospitality, to establish and to increase contact with brothers and sisters in Christ," the invitation reads.

The program will include tours of the various churches, explanation of the symbols of the religious denominations, opportunity for questions and a genuine welcome.

Participating with St. Ann's parish are nearby Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist and Lutheran churches.

At St. Ann's visitors will be guided through the church, convent and school. Frank Gulli, Mrs. Frank Dreyfus and Miss Sally Kirk are on the committee. A souvenir pamphlet will be given to visitors.

### AIR FORCE GENERAL

Pittsburgh — (NC) — Father Henry J. McAnulty, C.S.Sp., 52, president of Duquesne University here, has been promoted to Brigadier General in the U.S. Air Force Reserve Corps of Chaplains.

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