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## Courier-Journal Maps Changes

The Courier-Journal will change its format from its present standard size to tabloid, effective with the April 8 edition.

The paper also will move up its delivery day from Friday to Wednesday.

The changes are the most important of many planned in conjunction with a drive for increased circulation spearheaded by Bishop Hogan.

An increase of about 10 per cent is anticipated by July 1 as result of the changes and emphasis by Bishop Hogan on the value of the paper to every person in the diocese.

In a letter to every priest in the diocese, the bishop expressed his desire for 100 per cent circulation for the Courier-Journal by July 1, 1971.

In the letter and earlier in a New Year's Eve radio address, the bishop said:

"I hope the Courier will be delivered and read in every home of the diocese."

The bishop referred to the new tabloid format as providing a "more popular teaching tool."

He also stressed that the Courier-Journal "will restructure its material to communicate more effectively with every person in the diocese."

The bishop also stated his wishes in this re-

gard in a series of meetings throughout the diocese to which all priests were invited.

Tabloid format provides a more open, easy-to-read magazine-style appearance primarily geared to eye appeal.

Product attractiveness, however, is not the only aim of the Courier-Journal.

There will be increased emphasis on adult education with a new weekly feature, "Know Your Faith", providing stories, photos and art work designed to keep modern Catholics in tune with their Church in relation to our ever-changing times.

There will be wider use of photo-journalistic techniques with stress on feature or interpretative articles in line with magazine-type appearance.

New columnists will be added to give readers a wider look at the many issues confronting the Church and world in general.

There will be wider coverage of events in diocesan areas outside of the Rochester area. Again this is in accord with Bishop Hogan's desire to communicate with all of the diocese as directly as he can with the See City.

It is hoped that the change in delivery date from Friday to Wednesday will provide readers more time to read the Courier before busy weekend pursuits.

## New Bill On Abortion Draws Fire

Special to the Courier-Journal

Albany — Lawyers and physicians who have looked at the latest easy abortion measure to hit the state Legislature find it little different from the others already introduced.

The bill, prepared by Senate Majority Leader Earl W. Borge's staff, introduced by Sen. B. Paterson (NY), and since amended to carry Sen. Dominick (Newburg) as introducer, removes all references to a crime from the abortion statute. In effect, it would make all abortions legal as long as they are performed by a licensed physician.

The State Senate has scheduled debate on the bill for Tuesday, Mar. 17. Described as "one of the most liberal ever proposed in the United States," the new measure may have been introduced with the expectation of defeat to head off passage of a more moderate reform bill.

The Catholic Committee, representing the Bishops of New York State, is unhesitatingly opposed to the bill.

"This bill, like the others," said Charles J. Tobin, secretary of the committee, "attacks the child instead of the problem."

"The problem is not solved by destroying the child in the womb, but by a concerted effort to help these women who need help in a way that is consistent with the human individual's right to life," Tobin said.

The bill is actually broader than the Blumenthal proposal (Assemblyman A. Blumenthal's proposal offers several new grounds not now permitted) in that it authorizes all

## Catholic Committee Waits On Rocky School Plan

Albany — (NC) — Officials of the New York State Catholic Committee, citing Gov. Rockefeller's stand on nonpublic school aid, declared they are waiting for the governor to specify the type of legislation he would support.

Gov. Rockefeller told newsmen that the legislature would provide financial assistance to nonpublic schools in the state this year. At the same time, however, the governor said he was opposed in principle to a bill that would provide direct grants to parents of children in nonpublic schools.

Rockefeller said he was against the tuition aid bill because "such a program could be used by parents to take their children out of public schools and might destroy the public school concept of this country."

• The New York State Conference of Catholic Bishops warned that unless parochial schools receive immediate aid, many would have to close, and as a result, the public schools might have to absorb 40,000 more students by next fall.

• The New York Board of Regents, the state's educational supervisory agency, urged the legislature to meet "an educational crisis" by making it financially possible "within constitutional limits for nonpublic schools to continue existing without a further substantial decrease in pupil attendance."

Charles Tobin, secretary of the Catholic committee, praised Rockefeller for "recognizing the serious problems of nonpublic schools." But he pointed out that the governor did not offer any precise proposals.

Tobin said he expects Rockefeller

to spell out his recommendations soon. The Catholic people of the state are urging strongly that the way to provide assistance is through the tuition aid proposal.

Referred to as the Parent-Student Aid Bill, the measure provides for variable grants to parents, based on income.

Rockefeller aides noted that the governor favors repeal this year of the Blaine amendment — which prohibits direct or indirect state aid to nonpublic schools — so that, according to legislative procedure, it can be voted on by the public in a 1971 referendum.

The governor's staff, it was noted, is working closely with the legislature to develop a bill "that would be agreeable to everybody." The spokesman said exact provisions had not yet been determined, but they stressed the proposed aid would be for schools, not parents.

At the press conference, Rockefeller emphasized that nonpublic schools are so hard pressed financially that they must receive some emergency aid this year.

He did not say how much money was anticipated, but sources close to the legislature noted it would probably run between \$15 million and \$20 million for the fiscal year, beginning April 1.

More than \$40 million in state and local revenues are currently being spent on nonpublic schools through such programs as textbook aid, testing services and school lunches. Courts have upheld the assistance, ruling that it does not violate the intent of the Constitution.

## Revamped Education Office Announced by Diocese

A newly structured "Department of Education" with five divisions covering all teaching and administrative efforts for religious and secular subjects offered to dioceses of every age, has been announced by the Pastoral Office to the clergy and educators of the diocese.

The comprehensive plan which clarifies the relationship between "religious education" for young people and "general education" and "adult education" is the first step in Bishop Hogan's administration to strengthen all diocesan efforts in the field of education.

Father Albert J. Shamon and Father Gerald T. Connor will direct the new department with the titles of vicar for education and assistant vicar.

Announcing the new department, Father Shamon, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Victor, said: "This new grouping of all our education offices and efforts will coordinate their work and help the diocese resolve its educational problems, both immediate and future."

Bishop Hogan's announced intentions "to seek popular approval of the valuable community role served by the Church's educational facilities" will be fulfilled when the whole structure of the teaching programs and personnel has a clearer focus, Father Shamon said.

The main thrusts of the teaching apostolate of the diocese, broken into four sections, will be titled: Religious Education and CCD, General Education, Adult Education and Campus Ministry.

(See the chart on this page displaying these divisions.)

The section for Religious Education and CCD will be responsible for all religious study programs given to children throughout the diocese on the preschool, handicapped, elementary and high school levels.

### A Minor Detail!

A Religious News Service story from Hanover, Germany, has produced a candidate for understatement of the year honors.

Lorenz Cardinal Jaeger of Paderborn, Germany, it was reported by RNS, told an ecumenical gathering that the Roman Catholic Church will shortly issue directives under which a mixed marriage contracted before a Protestant minister will be recognized by the Church as fully valid.

All that's needed to put the plan into effect, the cardinal allegedly said, "are a few formalities, including the Pope's signature."

### Bishop Hogan Has Birthday

Bishop Hogan marked his 54th birthday on Wednesday with Mass celebrated in the chapel of the Pastoral Office building with members of the diocesan departments' staffs.

He had visited his mother in her Lima home the day before, he said, and returned to his apartment in his apartment "without appointments and meetings, just a private kind of holiday relaxing from the recent daily pressures."

The tall clergyman who volunteered to do the job was interrupted by a telephone call as he was finishing the trim job.

The policeman was surprised when the priest identified himself on the telephone: "This is the cardinal."

An astounded but grateful policeman passed inspection.

As for the amateur barber — John Cardinal Krol — his only comment was, "I was happy to do it."



FATHER SHAMON

Parish programs in adult religious education will no longer be assisted by the CCD office, but will come under the new division of Adult Education.

The religious curricula in all diocesan schools, both parochial elementary and high schools, will hereafter be serviced by the Religious Education sector of the new education office, as well as all religious instruction programs for pupils outside the diocesan school system, — the present CCD program.

Msgr. Albert H. Schnackey and Father Daniel F. Holland, presently in charge of the diocesan-wide CCD apostolate, will be directors of the Religious Education sector. Currently the CCD programs reach 55,602 students in the diocese.

Father Daniel Brent, diocesan superintendent of schools, will head

the division called General Education which shall be responsible for all curricula and personnel in the 44,740 student diocesan school system, except for the religious courses.

In the area of Adult Education three major programs are now functioning: Adult Theology, Family Life (including the well-attended pre-Cana Conferences) and Clergy Conferences. Father Shamon said that a director, perhaps a layman, is being sought for this division.

The Campus Ministry, the fourth division of the educational apostolate of the diocese, is only tenuously tied to the new department at this time. It covers the area of religious education offered to the Catholic communities at the 17 secular colleges in the diocese by the campus chaplains. About 15,000 Catholic students are enrolled at these schools.

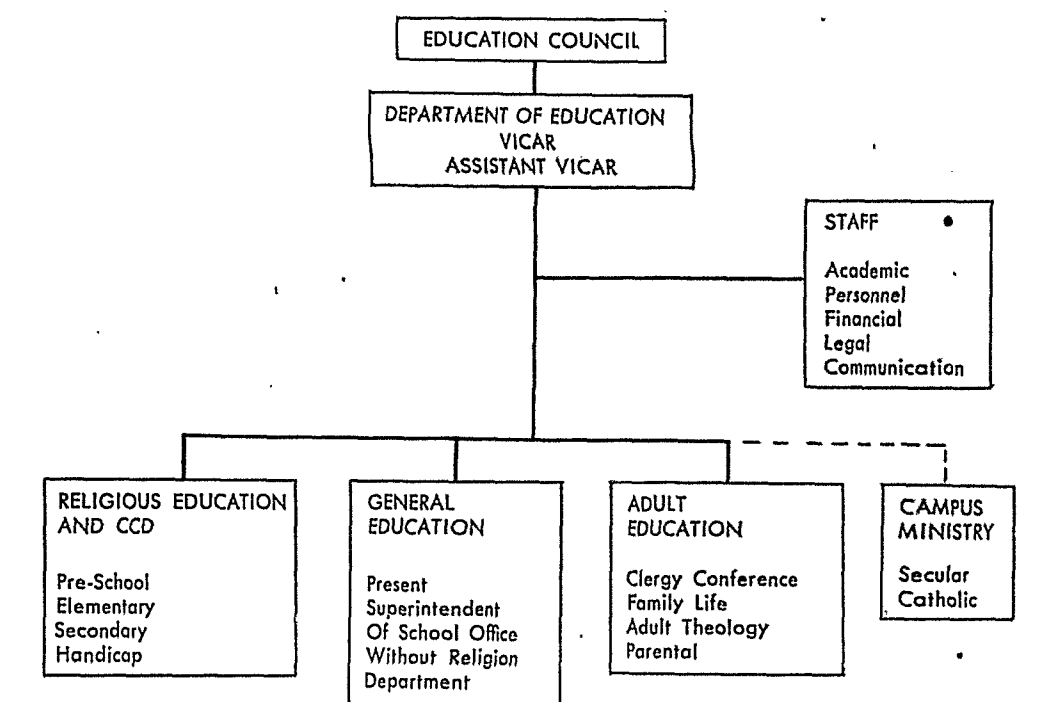
Father Shamon announced that a diocesan "Educational Council" composed of the three education division directors and representatives from the clergy, laity and religious communities will eventually be formed. Its prime function, he said, would be "to give advice and assistance to the Bishop in the direction and coordination of all diocesan efforts in the field of education."

Working closely with the vicar and assistant vicar and influencing the efficiency of the four divisions, will be a "Staff" of advisers and aides "experienced in academics, personnel, finances, legal issues and communications."

The centralized contribution of this staff to all four divisions is expected to reduce the overlapping of efforts and expense to run each division.

The new Department of Education will not supersede the individual

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## Step Right Up, No Waiting

Philadelphia — (NC) — A Philadelphia policeman got his sideburns trimmed by an amateur barber, but he did not find out until the trim was finished that his barber was not of the run-of-the-mill variety.

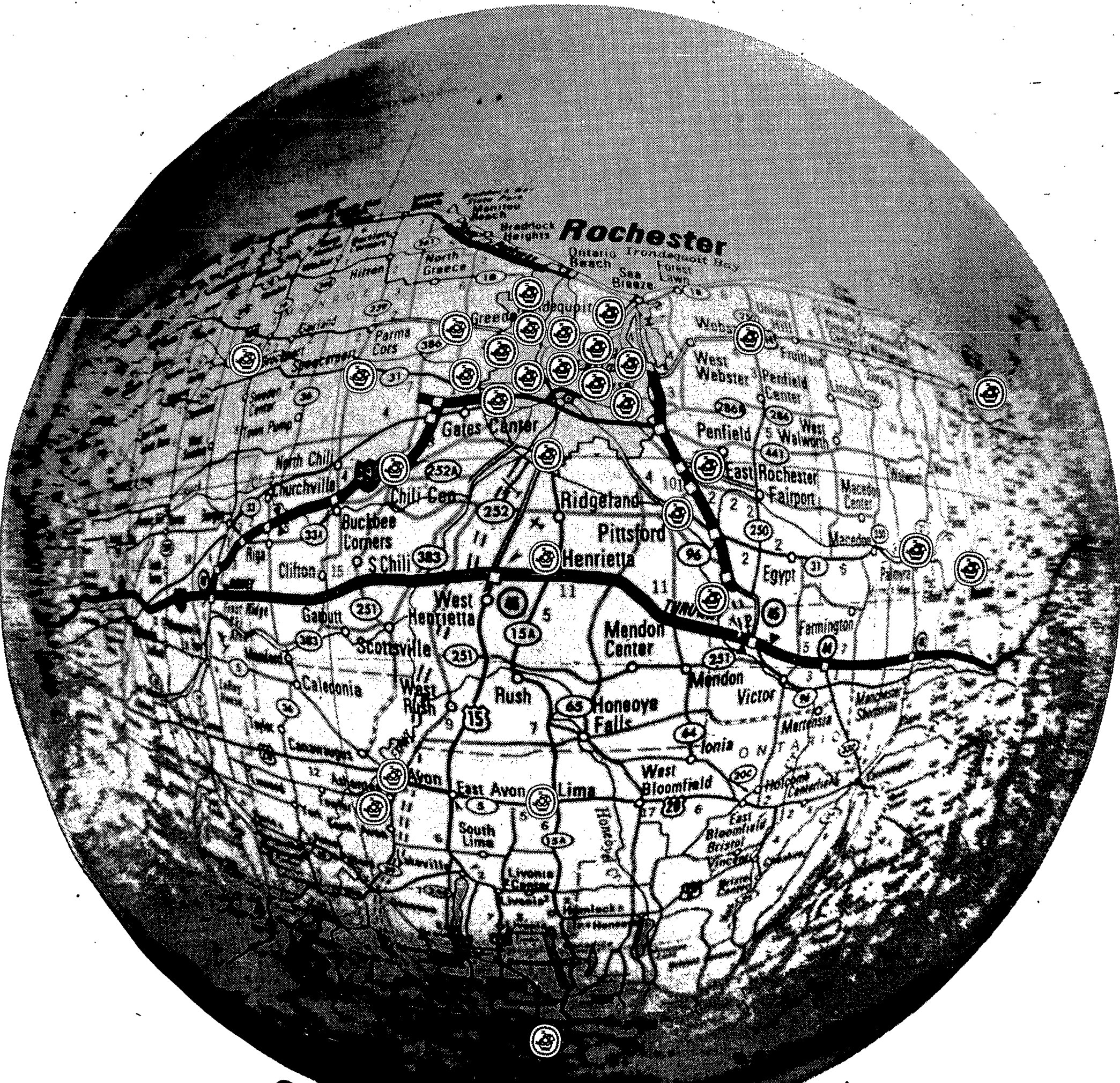
The policeman — a plainclothesman who had been put back into uniform for the day as part of a special squad to control demonstrators — was sitting in a police bus outside the brownstone house which contains the offices of the Philadelphia archdiocese.

A fellow officer told him that uniform regulations require sideburns to be trimmed and that his had better be done immediately.

## Boy in the News



This 12-year-old boy made news last week. To find out how turn to Page 4.



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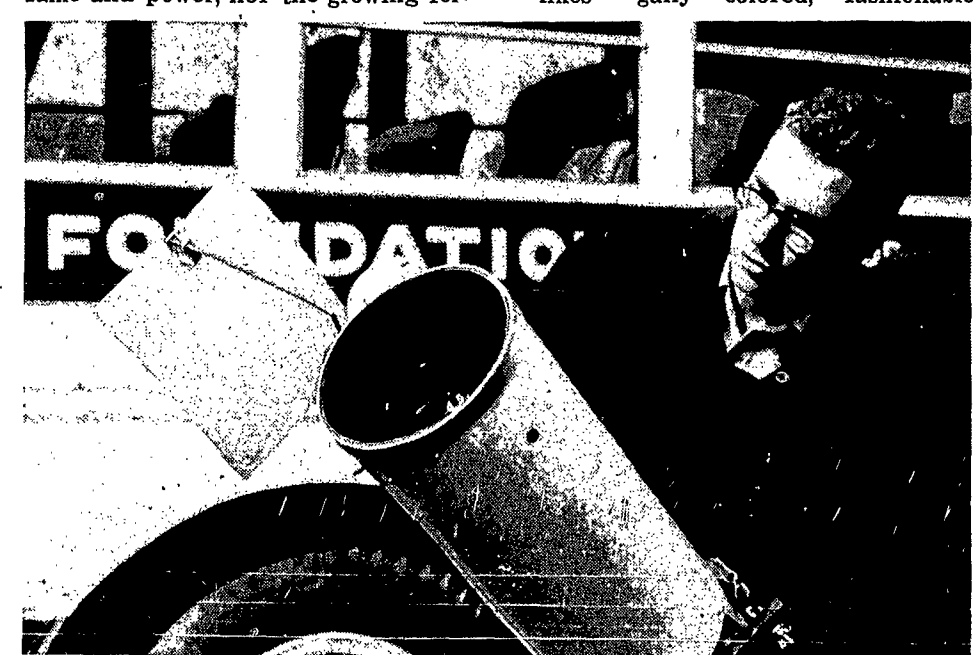
## Homemaker by Divine Appointment

Chapel Hill, N.C. — (RNS) — In a day when many women are "loudly questioning" their traditional roles, Ruth Graham — wife of evangelist Billy Graham — continues to be at peace with her role as wife and mother.

"Neither her husband's increasing fame and power, nor the growing fer-

ment about women's liberation has prodded Mrs. Graham out of her chosen place," according to an article in the March 8 Parade magazine.

Mrs. Graham is described as a "slim, strikingly pretty woman... obviously intelligent, independent, and not without her opinions." She likes "really colored, fashionable



### Horseheads Priest "Reaches the Moon"

Last Saturday's eclipse of sun by moon was clearly recorded on card projected from large telescope of Father David Kunz, assistant pastor of St. Mary Our Mother Church, Horseheads. Father's image attracted scores of onlookers attending annual Christian Formation Workshop at Watson Homestead near Painted Post (see story on Page 7).

clothes, nowadays favoring pant suits."

"There are two areas in which women are best — as wives and mothers," Mrs. Graham asserts in the interview. "We have our field and our role to play, so why compete with men?"

At 50, Ruth Graham is the mother of five and grandmother of four. "I have found my niche," she says. "I know what God has intended for me and I am happy and content in it... I feel that we mothers are homemakers by divine appointment and that we are put here to perform a divinely appointed task."

The Grahams believe that God has created women to be a "helpmeet" unto man, a help suited to man's needs. As the evangelist expressed it, "The wife is to fit into the life of the husband."

Mrs. Graham agrees. "My first responsibility, even after the children are grown, will still be to Bill... My part as far as Bill is concerned is the part any wife plays in her husband's life — just try to be the wife that he needs."

Ruth Graham regrets her husband's long absences (he "travels the highways for Christ" nine months each year), but she says she is rarely lonely.

"With the Bible and a firm hand, she tackled the job of being father and mother, general handyman and spiritual guide," the Parade article said. Two of the children still live at home — Ned 12, and Franklin, 18.