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ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fall Will Bring Added Facilities

Another step in the development of St. Anne's Episcopal Church will have been taken next fall when the 18-year-old parish completes new worship and education facilities on its four-acre site near the intersection of Azle Ave. and Boat Club Road.

The field stone structure, now under construction, is of contemporary design. It will include a nave seating 180 persons, a large parish hall which also will serve as classroom space, a sacristy, offices, kitchen and nursery.

The altar and baptismal font, weighing five and two tons respectively, are of solid Texas shellstone. They are being installed this week since it is necessary, because of their size and weight, to place them in the church before the roof is put on.

Open Air Worship

Rev. Norman V. Hollen, rector of the parish since February, 1958, said parishioners are planning to worship at the new altar, in an open air service, at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, if the weather permits. The altar and font will then be safe guarded with framework during the remainder of the construction period.

W. O. Keller of Route 9, is chairman of the building committee. Other members are Mrs. David S. Googins, 4040 Denton Highway; Joe R. Conley, 121 Westfork Dr.; Sam H. Overton, 330 Frontier, and Hubert E. Wooten, 3009 N. W. 26th.

St. Anne's Church was established as a mission to serve the North Side area in November, 1947, with 28 charter members. In January, 1956, it attained parish status. The parish now has 325 baptized members, including 224 communicants. Seven of them were among the original members who started the small mission. They are Mrs. Myrtle Holmberg, 1720 Grand Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Noon, 1317 Park; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Shannon, 1413 Grand Ave., and Mr. and Mrs. J. Gillam Wood, 1305 Circle Park Blvd.

Seven priests have been in charge since the church's beginning. The Rev. David K. Montgomery, now rector of St.

Mark's Church at Waterville, Maine, was vicar during the first year. He was succeeded by the Rev. John E. Stevenson, who served seven months; the Rev. Charles M. Pond, now vicar of St. Timothy's Church at Chicago, served from 1950 until 1952; the Rev. O. L. Lake Jr., now rector of Holy Nativity Church at Clarendon Hills, Ill., led the congregation in its move to its present site at 3204 Roberts Cut-Off Rd., in 1953, where services will continue to be held until the new facilities are completed. Rev. Frank G. Rice Jr., who served the church from 1954 until 1958, and under whose administration the mission congregation assumed parish status, is now chaplain of institutions at Nashville, Tenn.

Mission Congregation

Prior to its move to the Roberts Cut-Off site, the mission congregation first worshipped in the Oakwood Cemetery Chapel at Grand and Gould Ave. and in the Boy Scout House at Castleberry Methodist Church in River Oaks. The property and building, now under construction, is valued at \$138,000.

Members of the vestry are E. D. Deckert, senior warden; W. A. Hunter, junior warden; Robert R. Childers, Tom S. Christopher, Homer L. Cox, George Fuller, Robert B. Goad of Rhome; W. O. Keller, and Sam H. Overton, who serves as clerk



REV. NORMAN V. HOLLEN
... rector

and treasurer of the vestry.

School teachers include Mrs. Jean Wiley and Hunter. Mrs. Homer L. Cox is president of the Women of St. Anne's. Other officers of the organization are Mrs. Erwin Buch, vice president, and Mrs. Tom S. Christopher, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. A. N. Walker is director of the 18-member Altar Guild. Mrs. Steve Stookey is secretary-treasurer of the guild.

Explaining the purpose and goals of the parish, Father Hollen said:

"St. Anne's Episcopal Church is formed as a congregation for the basic and most important purpose of corporate worship, above all, for participation in the holy eucharist.

"The new church under construction bears witness to this fact. The elliptical-shaped nave is literally gathered around the two gospel sacraments: the Lord's Supper, celebrated at the massive, free-standing altar, and Holy Baptism, served by the monumental stone font in the circular entrance to the nave.

"The parish church represents the Christian community, the people of God, in this place. In the Anglican tradition, St. Anne's Church is ordered in its worship by the Book of Common Prayer, with its yearly cycles of proper scriptural readings for each week and holy day in the Christian year. The Word of God enshrined in the Bible and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, as ordained by Christ Himself, form the foundation of corporate worship of Almighty God and strengthen and nourish the congregation spiritually as they work out their salvation in the world.

Christian Community

"In the presence of God, the church worships. But in the presence of men, the church evangelizes, that is, it seeks to establish a Christian community wherever it may be and draw men into that community.

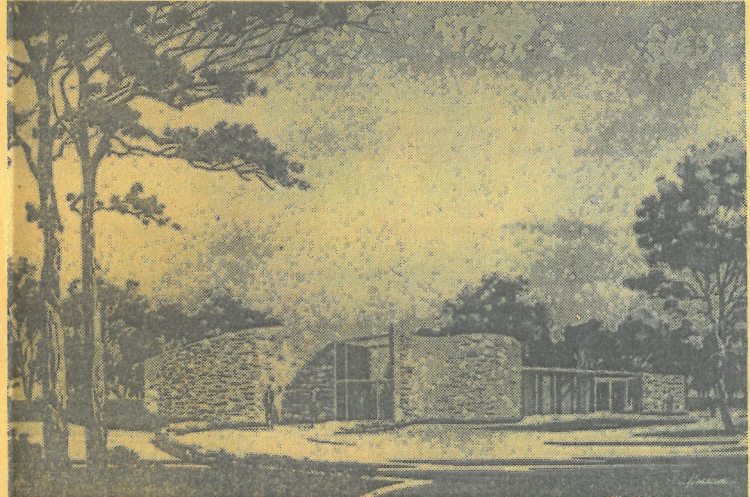
"St. Anne's Church welcomes all people to come and worship and enter into the Christian fellowship," Father Hollen said. "The parish draws its members from an unusually large and scattered geographical area, since its location encompasses the Lake Worth and Eagle Mountain Lake areas on the north and the rapidly developing residential sections of the extreme northwest Fort Worth.

"Visitors are warmly welcomed to the 8 and 9:30 a. m. Sunday services, and regular courses of instruction in the faith of the church are conducted," Father Hollen said.

Father Hollen was born in Eldon, Iowa. He obtained the bachelor of arts from Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa. He did graduate study at the University of Wisconsin and graduated from General Theologi-

cal Seminary, New York City. Saints' Church here for two the board of the Fort Worth Area Council of Churches. From 1950 until 1952 he served years before accepting the call with the U. S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps. Father Hollen is married to the former Sylvia Nelson Jordan and has a stepson, Jay Scott.

He is currently a member of the diocesan commission on church architecture and served as a curate at All allied arts, and a member of 7217 Plover Circle Lake Worth.



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NEW CHURCH — This is the architect's conception of the St. Anne's Episcopal Church now being constructed on the church's four-acre site at 6055 Azle Ave. The contemporary structure was designed by William H. Hidell of Dallas.



CHURCH LEADERS — Active workers in St. Anne's Parish include from left, front, Mrs. A. N. Walker, Mrs. David Googins and Mrs. Homer L. Cox. Back, Sam H. Overton, Hubert E. Wooten and E. D. Deckert.