



ST. MICHAEL'S TODAY—Golden jubilee year of St. Michael's School began with opening of modern four-classroom addition, left. Main school building, the third to be built, was completed in 1926. All former pupils have been invited to a reunion festival Oct. 18 at St. Michael's, 87th St. near Vermont. Charter pupils will be guests of honor.

SCHOOL JUBILEE

It Was a Long Way To St. Michael's in 1903

The Sisters rode the big red cars from St. Joseph's in downtown Los Angeles all the way to St. Michael's School in the southwest farming area of Sunnyside every morning of the school year back in the 1900's.

It was a long ride. And that is why St. Michael's, now celebrating its golden jubilee, was founded.

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made to have Rev. Francis Conaty come out from the Cathedral every Sunday to offer Mass in one of the two classrooms. St. Michael's Parish was not established until 1908.

The little wooden school house eventually gave way to a somewhat more pretentious one on the south side of Manchester, where the present rectory stands, and this was succeeded in 1926 by the present building on 87th St.

This fall the parish opened a modern four-classroom addition, allowing the enrollment of

620 students.

Father Michael Lee, pastor, has invited all the thousands of former St. Michael's pupils to a reunion festival Sunday, Oct. 18. The 43 members of the original student body will be special guests of honor.

Sisters Hedwig and Marcolina will be on hand to greet their former pupils of 50 years ago, according to Fr. Lee. Charles Proffatt is general chairman for the reunion festival.



THE WAY IT WAS—This is the way St. Michael's School looked when it opened 50 years ago among farms southwest of Los Angeles. First 43 pupils included two who are now Dominican Sisters. Margaret Wagner, extreme left, is now Sister Vibiana, St. Michael's superior.

IT SEEMS OSSERVATORE DOESN'T SCARE EASILY

DALLAS—(NC)—Commenting on the threatened suit against L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily, by Marquis de Cuevas, the Dallas Morning News paid tribute to that paper.

Calling it "one of the greatest newspapers in the world," the Morning News stated:

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The Sisters proposed a solution. They would make the train ride if a school could be built nearer the Wagner farm.

A Wagner Project

Mrs. Wagner and her husband, John, donated land at the northwest corner of Manchester Blvd. and Vermont St. Together with the other Wagner brothers, Michael and George, and their brother-in-law Michael Mertens, all farmers in the area, they built a school. It was named St. Michael's in honor of their father's patron saint.

Forty-three pupils turned out on the first day of school, Sept. 8, 1903. Eleven were Wagners and four were Mertens. Their teachers were Sister Hedwig, now at St. Mary's, Mission San Jose, and Sister Marcelina, who is at St. Albert's School, Ukiah. The Sisters kept riding the San Pedro interurban train until 1907, when their first convent was built.

Reunion Oct. 18

Two of the charter pupils themselves became Dominican Sisters. One was Margaret Wagner, who has come back to St. Michael's as a convent superior. The other was Margaret Geier, now Sister Eleanor at San Gabriel Mission.

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Unjoyful Jubilee For Californians

NEW YORK — (NC) — Jesuit missionaries of the California Province recently marked the 25th anniversary of their mission in China. But there was no rejoicing.

Jesuit Missions magazine noted that of the first five who stepped ashore in Shanghai harbor in September, 1928, only one is left in China. He is Father Thomas Philips, S.J., who celebrated a quarter-century of service to his adopted land in a Chinese Communist jail.



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ST. JUDE NOVENA AT ST. ANTHONY'S

A Novena to St. Jude will open Monday at St. Anthony's (Croatian) Church, Alpine St. and N. Grand Ave., and con-

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