

THE BUILDING PROGRAM

Since the Men's Advent Corporate Communion of 1943, an active campaign has been in progress to raise funds for the Building Program at St. Philip's Church. We have received to date approximately \$11,000 to build a parish house, new church and vicarage. The communicants of St. Philip's have pledged \$2,600, of this amount \$1,000 is in cash and War Bonds. We are grateful to the National Council, the Diocese of Oregon, church groups and friends for the remainder.

Portland's many war industries have increased the Negro population from approximately 2,000 to 15,000, and the number is still growing. Many of these people have contributions to make to the life of the community. They are looking for institutions with an interest in them and facilities through which they can make their contributions. At present, we have the interest but not the facilities to aid them in making their contributions.

The architectural firm of Sutton, Whitney and Aandahl has drawn the plans for the parish house and church. The parish house will be adequate to house week day activities. This will give us an opportunity to make contacts and grow through children's activities, young people's groups, parish and community meetings and social affairs, etc. The War Production Board is at present considering our request for priorities and we have hopes of building the parish house at an early date.

A church must be attractive and have an "atmosphere" for worship to grow. The present structure is an old run-down, unchurchly building. It is our desire to erect a dignified church with an "atmosphere" which promotes a spirit of worship and devotion. We hope to be in a financial position to build the church at the close of the war in the European theater. The government will not allow us to build a new church at this time.

If the Episcopal Church is to be a dominating influence in the life of the Negro, in the Portland area, it must provide a suitable home for its clergyman. It has always been a difficult task for a Negro to find satisfactory living quarters; therefore, it is wise for the church to own a vicarage. The vicarage should be in the proximity of the church so the vicar can give the proper care to the activities of the church.

The development of this building program is largely dependent upon the support of the communicants of St. Philip's and friends within the Diocese of Oregon; which means we need your support. The total cost is estimated between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Our immediate goal for this year is \$20,000.

Enclosed you will find a Building Fund envelope for your Building Fund pledge.