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Silver Jubilee

July 2, Brothers Simon Scribner, Matthew Gara, Remigius Bullinger, Christian Stinnett, Dominic Elder, Theophane Schmitt, and Paulus McGory will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their Vows. In this and the following issue of *The Newsette* we will try to give a sketch of each of them. During the past quarter of a century they have helped to make history for the Congregation of Holy Cross. Pray that God may extend their years of service in His vineyard.

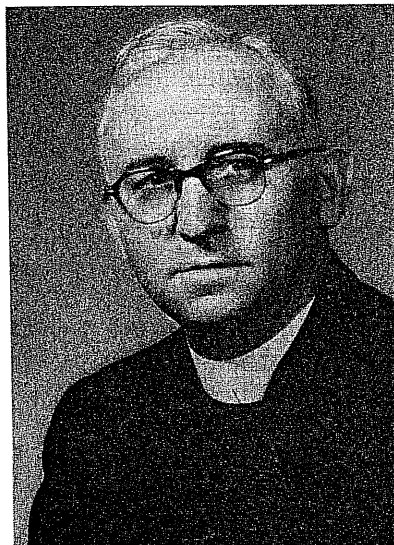
Brother Dominic Elder, C.S.C., Ph.D.

After twenty-five years as a Brother, one needs little introduction to fellow members of the Community, to be sure. This fact applies particularly to Brother Dominic Elder, who celebrates his silver anniversary on July 2 this year. Not only was he Superior of the Brothers' house of studies for six years, where the great influx of young men who entered the Community from 1941 to 1947 came under his supervision, but he spent seven years at the Brothers' Novitiate, holding office as assistant Master of Novices in 1948, Superior in 1949, and then, from 1950 to 1955, Superior and Master of Novices. All the novices during those years—and the groups were, thanks be to God, large ones—came under his care.

To novices, perhaps, Brother Dominic is best known, for despite the practice of recollection all of them strive for, little, it seems, escapes the novice's attention. The same may be said for scholastics. Since so many Brothers in recent years served as novices or scholastics under Brother Dominic, their memories are the real source-book, yet we must allow them to go untapped. Rather, let Brother Dominic's record speak for itself.

Born in Paducah, Kentucky, Brother Dominic entered the Juniorate in Watertown in 1929, finished his high school there, then, after his Novitiate year, earned Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees at the University of Notre Dame. Undeterred by the responsible positions he held in the following years, he crowned his academic work by acquiring the Ph.D. degree in Political Philosophy, in 1951. His doctoral dissertation, available in hard covers, was "Thomas Paine's Philosophy of the Common Man."

"A new broom sweeps clean," goes the old adage, one that Brother Dominic



seems to hold dear. When he became Superior at Dujarie after five years' teaching at Coyle High School in Taunton, Massachusetts, he turned his hand first to improving the spiritual and intellectual welfare of those in his charge. Corollary to that was his prompt face-lifting of what was in those days Dujarie's rather dingy interior. Improvements made during his term of office are too many to list, but the "lick and polish" aspects in the old building these days exist in good measure thanks to him.

After his term as Dujarie's Superior ended in 1947, Brother Dominic spent the following year at Watertown, commuting to the University of Wisconsin for work on his doctorate, and holding office as Assistant Superior at the Juniorate. In 1948 he became Assistant Master of Novices, and, eventually, both Superior and Master of Novices. His will ever be the distinction of being the second Master of Novices of the U.S. Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross, the first being Brother Nicholas Ochs, who died a few years ago. To his novices Brother Dominic brought long years of study and practice of the spiritual life, not to mention the power of good example.

With the opening of Sacred Heart Military Academy in 1955, Brother Dominic became the first Headmaster, as well as Superior of the establishment; this meant, and means, being Superior of the Brothers' Juniorate, housed in separate quarters at the Academy in Watertown, Wisconsin. Major renovations begun before his term of office, have since been concluded under his super-

vision, and other alterations continue to be made. The changes wrought in the physical plant alone during the past two years would startle many a Brother who studied there as a postulant.

Along with a deep love for spiritual reading, Brother Dominic indulges when he can his taste for history and biography. His election to the General Chapter in 1956 brought in its wake a look at many European countries and a chance to sample just what there is overseas. Enough to say, he has by no means lost his heart to Europe. His appointments to various Committees in the Congregation have been fruitful, not only in the committees themselves but in the results as later applied. Not least among his achievements was the boys' camp, conducted by Brothers, that he opened in Lawton, Michigan, and that he served as Headmaster during three summers following. He has been responsible, too, for organizing several auxiliaries of lay friends of the Brothers, a work he is right now actively engaged in.

It is obvious from this account that Brother Dominic has been and remains one of the leaders of the Brothers in the United States. It is a pleasure to congratulate him on his anniversary and to hope that his years ahead will be as many and as fruitful as the ones behind.

Brother Simon Scribner, C.S.C., Ph.D.

Although Brother Simon Scribner, the Director of Student Activities at St. Edward's University is deep in the heart of Texas, he stepped around good old U.S.A. a bit before becoming a citizen of the Lone Star State. Born in Buffalo, he attended St. Gerard's grade school there; went to Watertown, Wis., for his high school course; to the University of Notre Dame for an A.B. in English in 1936; and to the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., for an M.A. in English in 1941, and a Ph.D. in English and Philosophy five years later. Teaching experience has taken him to Cathedral High, Indianapolis; Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wis.; summer schools at the University of Notre Dame; the Catholic University in Washington; and finally St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas.

In August of 1946, Brother Simon Scribner accompanied the recently-named president of the University, Brother Edmund Hunt, to the inconceivably distant state of Texas. They rode the portly, puffy, ineffably slow *Sunshine Special*



Brother Simon Scribner, C.S.C.

from St. Louis to Austin. Nature was in a knowing mood in those days, and gave the pair a warm (105°) welcome, a welcome which, while it had been anticipated, rather exceeded their expectations. In the years that followed their arrival, they were to forget the change of climate (except to bless the Lord for the mild winters, and to praise Him for the sunshine) in the almost overwhelming amount of work that suddenly appeared from nowhere.

Expansion was in the air, and it became a guessing game to determine what sort of "new" building would be found perched in some odd place on the campus on any given morning. It became the hobby of the Faculty to make what are now famous "tours" every day, to see the progress being made. There was chaffing over paint-buckets and pipe-wrenches and gaskets and wall-board and creaky floors; amused acceptance of what was to be, simply because it was all there was to be; a frank acceptance of the fact that if there isn't a million dollars lying around somewhere waiting to be used, you just can't use it.

They were days of reorganization everywhere, and Brother Simon knows better than most the problems that faced the Registrar in the early days—the necessity he was under to get out "forms and more forms," to schedule classes so that simply everybody could get into them, to reduce former records to order, to set up procedures for registration that didn't involve inextricable complexities. He could never have done it alone.

Brother Francis Barrett worked with him for years, serving as a living equivalent of the now proverbial quieting-agent, Miltown, and offering sage advice on what to do, how to do it, and (perhaps most importantly) when not to do it! He was assisted by Brother Campion

Nolan, who began the long task of establishing uniformity in all records, present as well as past. His task was lightened by such men as Brothers Kieran Ryan and Benignus Beutter, who worked with him on the *General Bulletin*, and actually established it in its present form. At the conclusion of his work as Registrar in 1952, Brother Simon was appointed Rector of Andre Hall, taking over from Brother Barry Lambour whose efficiency had left an almost perfect regimen.

As Rector, of course, the duties were of a different nature: thumping thermostats to get the heat up in the morning, keeping a supply of aspirin for over-extended and over-exerting students, laying a soothing hand on brows fevered by intellectual overwork, herding a "full house" to chapel on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and cajoling the backsliders into getting to church on the following day, stamping "CAMPUS" on the sign-out sheet for the slightly delinquent, and maintaining a sort of balanced existence in the midst of incipient chaos. His experience that year was so fruitful that he took over the position of Dean of Men in 1953 from Brother Edward Hagus. He has persevered in that position (which is nationally known as the one position on the campus where crisis is normal) until the present time, partly by well-timed absences, partly by self-induced blindnesses, and partly by developing a portentously thick hide.

Brother Simon is a member of the American Society for Aesthetics, the National Council of College Teachers of English, and Southern Association of College Personnel Administrators.

Gates Mills, Ohio

March seemed to be a month for lectures at Gilmour Academy. The Women's Club sponsored a series of three lectures on The Christian Family Life. Sunday evening, March 3, Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc of Washington, D. C., discussed Parent-Child Relationship. A week later Miss Eileen Egan of New York City spoke on "The Plight of the Family Unit Today." Mr. Charles F. Burke of Akron, Ohio, closes the series with a lecture April 7, on "The Christian Family—Its Impact on America."

Every Friday evening for six weeks Miss Janet Moore of Laurel School, Cleveland, has been presenting an illustrated lecture on art. Like eating vegetables, the appreciation of art seems to require some effort to acquire the taste.

Joseph Medved, a junior at Gilmour, won a first place, March 16 at Columbus, in the Ohio High School Speech League tournament sponsored by Ohio State University. More than 300 of the best speakers in the high schools of the state took part. Medved competed in the B Divi-

sion which includes schools under 250 enrollment.

Auxiliaries Active

In Brooklyn, Monsignor King, the pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas parish, and the local Auxiliary made March 17 a memorable day for the Brothers teaching there. Monsignor welcomed the Brothers into the new home he had built for them. The Auxiliary had so completely furnished the Brothers' house as to fully satisfy the most critical. Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer was present and expressed the Brothers' appreciation of all that had been done for them. It is doubtful who enjoyed the party more—the 200 Auxiliary members who had prepared the surprise for the Brothers or the Brothers themselves.

In Evansville, the last meeting of the Auxiliary was a St. Patrick's Day party since it was held on March 17 with Father Richard D. Patrick, C.S.C., as the guest speaker at a covered dish supper in Reitz Memorial's cafeteria. The Brothers who are Irish were introduced. They are Brothers Francis Regis Crowley, James Gorman, John Stout, James Derig, Joseph Cain, and Austin Maley.

+ Requiescant in Pace +

Please pray for the repose of the soul of His Excellency, the Most Reverend René Fontenelle, Titular Bishop of Thendralis, Canon of the Basilica of St. Peter, Consultor for the Sacred Congregation of the Council, Postulator for the Cause of Father Moreau and Brother André.

Bishop Fontenelle was born December 13, 1894, ordained priest June 28, 1922, named Bishop March 25, 1955, consecrated June 5, 1955, died at Le Mans, France, March 28, 1957.

Your prayers are also requested for the souls of: a brother of Brothers Andrew and Jerome Steffes, of Brother Stephen and John Baptist Titzer, and of Brother Alexis Wilks; an aunt of Brother Charles Bibeau; two aunts of Brother Eli Pelchat, and the mother of Brother Walter Davenport.

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administration of the Brothers' Eastern Vice Province has
 shed its headquarters at Holy Cross High School, 26-20
 is Lewis Blvd., Flushing 58, N. Y. Seated at the right is
 er Ephrem O'Dwyer, the Vice Provincial; at the left, his
 nt and the principal of Holy Cross High, Brother John
 ghue. Standing, left to right, are: Brother Armel Latterell,
 d and principal of St. Thomas Aquinas School; Brother
 us O'Malley, secretary and vocation director; and Brother
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 M. Vanden Heuvel.

Please keep our benefactors in your
 prayers. 'Twas kind of them to share
 their Lenten sacrifices with *The News-*
ette.

The Brothers at Dujarie Scholasticate
 are grateful to Mrs. Frank Ellis of New
 Haven, Conn., for a donation of five
 hundred dollars for the Scholasticate
 chapel.

Brother Jude Costello writes from
 Dacca in Bengal to thank the readers of
The Newsette for the prayers they have
 offered for his brother, Brother Simeon,
 who died at Notre Dame last Nov. 3.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

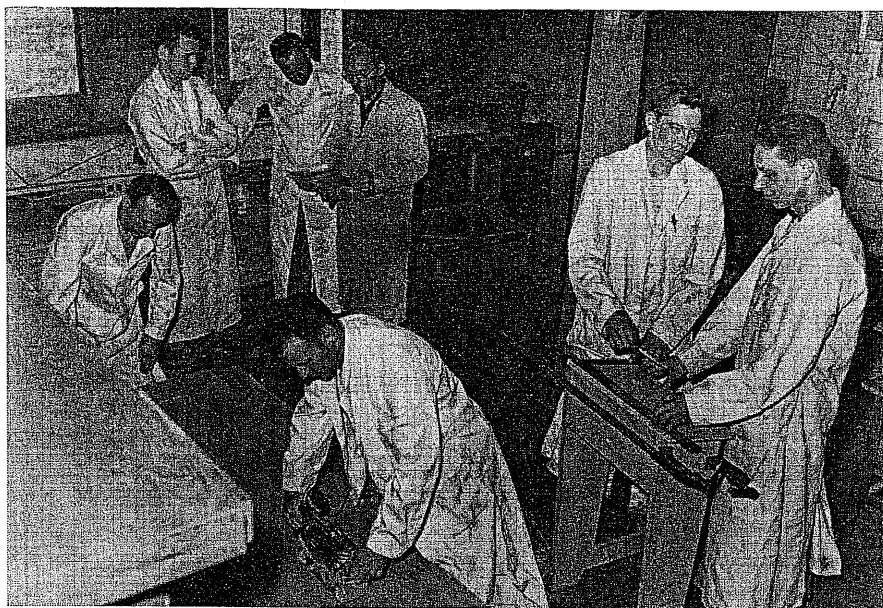
Mr. Anthony J. Berg, the president of
 the local chapter of the Brothers of Holy
 Cross Associates, reports that his group
 realized \$450 on a benefit card party
 recently.

Brothers Edwin Mattingly and Eugene
 Palinski represented St. Charles Boys
 Home at a meeting of the Institute of
 Children's Institutions in Chicago, April
 1 and 2.

Brothers Gilbert Scher, Leo Gallagher,
 Raymond Harrington, and Theodore
 LaTour attended the Midwest Regional
 Conference of Child Welfare League of
 America held in the Hotel Schroeder,
 Milwaukee, March 18 and 19.

Both St. Charles Boys Home, and
 Sacred Heart Military Academy at
 Watertown, Wis., are offering hospitality
 to the Brothers who will be attending
 the annual meetings of the National
 Catholic Educational Association in Mil-
 waukee, April 22-25. About fifteen Bro-
 thers have expressed their intention of
 accepting the hospitality offered. Com-
 munity members always enjoy an op-
 portunity of fraternizing.

Brother Columba Curran gave a talk
 on Infrared Spectroscopy at Marian Col-
 lege in Indianapolis April 14, and is a
 co-author of an article in the April
 number of the Journal of the American
 Chemical Society, of two papers present-
 ed at the Pittsburgh Conference on Ap-
 plied Spectroscopy in March, and of two
 papers presented at the American Chem-
 ical Society Meeting in Miami in April.



Brother Benoit Frigon, the shop instructor, discusses a lesson plan with some of his students. Reading counter clockwise, the students are: Brothers Bernard Broze, George Duffy, William Bumar, Lawrence O'Brien, Richard Weber and Kenneth Allen.

New Training Program for Non-Teachers

In accordance with a decree of the General Chapter of 1956, a new training program has been set up at Dujarie Scholasticate for those Brothers who will be engaged in occupations other than teaching. This program was inaugurated in February. This semester it includes, in addition to the spiritual training afforded all scholastics, courses in Church History, English, Typing, Business and Shop Mathematics, Bookkeeping and Wood Shop. In addition the Brothers are receiving on-the-job training in one of the following specialized fields: cooking, farming and maintenance. It is planned to augment the class work and specialized training with additional courses in succeeding semesters. The present faculty includes Brothers Finbarr Buckley, Rupert Poudrier, Benoit Frigon, and Charles Kociolek.

Brother Benoit and the Brothers working under his direction have transformed the shop adjacent to the deep freeze room, enlarging the working area and providing for storage space. The shop course has benefitted greatly by the gift of a number of power tools, generously willed to Dujarie by the late Garrett Walter of South Bend. The main project of the Brothers at present is the construction of an altar, baldachino and predieus for the Dujarie chapel. The most pressing need is for a lathe to facilitate the construction of furniture for the Scholasticate. This summer much sawdust will fly in the forming of wood beams to be used in the erection of a garage on the grounds.

Austin, Texas

Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, past Provincial of the Brothers of Holy Cross and present Vice Provincial of the Eastern Vice Province, will receive an honorary doctorate from St. Edward's University at its Commencement Exercises on May 30, 1957. Receiving degrees with him will be His Excellency, Stephen A. Levins, Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio; and the Honorable Charles F. Herring, Texas State Senator of Austin, Texas.

Mr. Dale Francis of national prestige has been engaged by St. Edward's University for next school year to act as Director of Public Relations, Publicity Director, and Recruiter. Mr. Francis was one-time director of public information for the Catholic Church in the U. S., and was former head of the University of Notre Dame Press. A newspaperman and radio commentator for more than 26 years, Mr. Francis served on daily newspapers in Ohio, and for three years did broadcasting in Big Springs, Texas. Later he was editor of the North Carolina Catholic, director of publications at Notre Dame, and advisor to the Bureau of Information of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Washington, D. C. For the past year and a half, Mr. Francis has been living in Cuba, where he is working with the Catholic hierarchy of that island and writing for the Havana Post and Diario de la Marina.

Taunton, Massachusetts

Assemblies at Coyle High during the second semester have been featuring two groups of students: the Glee Club under the direction of Brother Albertus Smith,

and the Student Theater sponsored by Brother Richard MacDonald. For Lent the two organizations combined their efforts to present several times a variety of song hits and "Upon Our Children," a Passion Play written by Brother Dunstan Bowles.

Brothers Albertus Smith, Christian Stinnett, and Joseph Roos went to Boston University to attend the March dinner meeting of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in New England.

April 29 and 30, the Student Theater will present the Broadway musical comedy, "Seventeen," for the benefit of the Brothers' Educational Fund.

During Holy Week the La Salette Fathers from Bloomfield, Conn., will conduct two retreats at Coyle: a three-day one for the boys, and a longer one for the Brothers.

South Bend, Indiana

During Lent at St. Joseph High Brother Kenan Judge has arranged a schedule so that during school there is a relay of boys at fifteen minute intervals in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Boys take their turns two at a time. The upper classman leads the beads and the other makes the responses. The general intentions for the adoration periods are: world peace and worthy vocations.

April 4-6. Brother Thomas Burns of Terre Haute, and Brother Fidelis Pommier, Neil Gildea, George Tilley, and Leo Geiger of Lakewood attended the meetings of the Industrial Arts Association in the Oliver Hotel.

Visits Libraries

Brother David Martin, the librarian at the University of Portland, Portland, Oregon, is spending two or three weeks visiting recently constructed college libraries. His tour is taking him to medium sized colleges in Washington, California, Minnesota, Illinois, and Nebraska in search of suggestions to be recommended for adoption in the planning of a new library for the University of Portland.

As I grew up I wanted a knife, a gun, a motorcycle. I got a slate, a job, an education. I thought father treated me as an adopted child, but I learned to like what I got, lived to enjoy it, and now realize that father knew what was best for me. I do not know what the outcome would have been if I had been given what I wanted. My wants might have run away with me. So God, Our Father, doesn't always give us what we want, but what He knows is best for us.

Say three Hail Marys a day for vocation.