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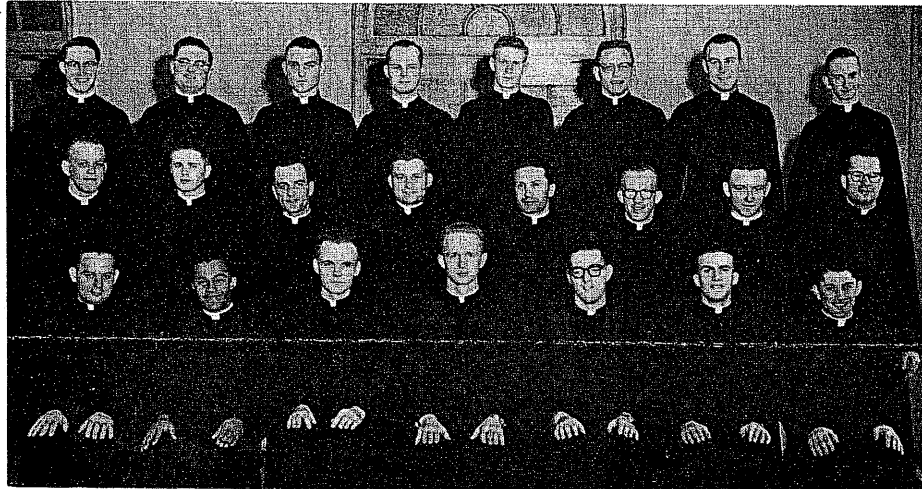
In January 25, 1958, twenty-three Candidates for the Religious Life as a Brother Holy Cross were received as Novices at Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana. Delegated to preside at the Ceremony was Reverend Roland Soucie, C.S.C., New Brunswick, Canada. Father Soucie offered the Mass which followed the ceremony, and Father Leo Kelly, O.P., presided over the sermon.

The Candidates came from the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross, the Midwest Vice-Province, and the Eastern Vice-Province, with each section represented as follows: Midwest Province, thirteen; Midwest Vice-Province, five; and the Eastern Vice-Province, five. Following the ceremony and Mass, a luncheon was served for approximately seventy-five guests.

Brother Emmett Strohmeier, C.S.C.

These are the statistics, vital statistics if you want it that way, on Brother Emmett Strohmeier, Silver Jubilarian: He was born October 18, 1903, in Benoit, Wisconsin (near Superior, just in case you are one of the few who doesn't immediately recognize Benoit as the birthplace of an illustrious son); entered the Postulate at Watertown, in August of 1931; received his habit on February 1, 1932; made his temporary vows on February 2, 1933; and the final step on August 16, 1936. He spent a year at Dujarie Hall, Notre Dame, in February of 1934 "went south" to Cross High School, where he taught commercial courses, was secretary-treasurer of a corporation from 1936 to 1947, was in the role of Assistant Prefect of Discipline, was the Faculty Chairman of the Athletic Department and served as the Athletic Director.

Always busy, and prepared by his work at Holy Cross High School for an even earlier time, Brother Emmett came to St. Edward's University in August of 1947, a year after the Brothers assumed control. He immediately took over the Bookstore (PX as it was called familiarly in the days of the veteran influx), spent his spare time (and spare it was) beautifying the campus and grounds, coached tennis and track. If we speak in the past tense, we are wrong: he still does the same things, and more so. Under his guidance, the new courts were set in what has come to be known as Emmett Park, a wide sweep of well-manicured grass and trimmed trees around an entrance of this Austin, Texas, school. For aesthetic effect, he has managed



Left to right, **FIRST ROW:** Brothers Samuel Franklin McDowell, Houston, Texas; Louis Iris Rodriguez, New York, N. Y.; Vincent Arthur Vandenburg, Okemos, Michigan; Joseph Wayne Schulz, Bay City, Michigan; Brian Martin Waldron, Dearborn, Michigan; Robert Elwood Fillmore, Barberton, Ohio; and George Abraham Murad, Tyler, Texas. **SECOND ROW:** Brothers Ronald George Smith, Weirton, West Virginia; John Edward Hockwalt, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Robert Charles Stockhausen, Rollingstone, Minnesota; Robert John Raible, Kingston, New York; Michael Angelo Palazzo, Houston, Texas; Thomas John Jones, Evansville, Indiana; William Francis Farrell, Scranton, Pennsylvania; and Bernard Jerome Wieseler, Omaha, Nebraska. **THIRD ROW:** Brothers David Eugene Rice, Long Beach, California; John Lawrence Kavanaugh, Dearborn, Michigan; Paul Houston Kelly, McCordsville, Indiana; William Patrick Bried, Wilmington, Delaware; Vincent Anthony Gross, Conklin, Michigan; Alfred Julian Paulsen, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Anthony Joseph Reilly, Harlan, Kentucky; and Donald Francis Guardiola, University Heights, Ohio.

(green thumb that he has) to grow (or cause to grow, or helped to grow if you want to be philosophical about it) climbing roses on the backstops, and has managed to start and maintain alive (a large order in Texas) other plantings. So attractive is the sweep of grass, that he has had to wage relentless (if sometimes losing) war on students who find his plot the best parking place on the campus; and to corral students who "borrow" his hoses to wash their cars on that plot. When he has finished his work with the college tennis and track teams, he takes over St. Edward's High School tennis and track teams, just to keep the day full.

But the vital statistics don't tell the story, by any means. When asked for Bookstore "hours," Brother Emmett invariably replies: "Twenty-four hours a day." And that's just about it. From early morning till late at night, the Bookstore lights burn steadily, with only a little time out for a few hours of sleep—at night. He and his crew of well-dressed workers maintain an "around-the-clock" service for all, student and faculty alike. If you were to ask Brother Emmett what he has on sale on any given day, the answer is always: "Nothing but the best." And that, also, is just about it. If you inquire about a book-order handed in a few hours before, he "has already

taken care of it." If you are looking for the mail, it "has already been distributed." If you ask him for his philosophy of life: "It isn't easy."

Now these sayings are more than just verbiage to Brother Emmett. When he says he "has hours" 24 hours a day, he is talking about the laborious life of a religious charged with heavy responsibilities. It is a 24-hour-a-day job, this religious life, and that's the way he lives it. He is referring to himself (though he would not admit it) when he talks about handling "nothing but the best," the utmost in sacrifice. His readiness in the performance not only of duties, but in fulfilling requests, is such that almost before he is asked he "has already taken care of it." And in a very profound sense, he witnesses to the fact that the religious life is one made up of not just one cross, but of many crosses. Thomas a Kempis would not have phrased it so, but Brother Emmett simply sighs and says: "It isn't easy."

Brother Emmett comes from a large family—nine sisters, and two brothers. One of his sisters is in the convent, the others are married. His two brothers have died. But his father is 96 years old. So we have good precedent for forecasting many more years for Brother Emmett, even to a golden or diamond jubilee! *Brother Simon Scribner*

22 Pronounce First Vows

On January 26, 1958, twenty-two Novice Brothers of Holy Cross made their First Religious Profession at St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana. Delegated to preside at the Ceremony and offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, was Reverend Roland Soucie, C.S.C.; Father Leo Kelly, O.P., delivered the sermon.

Fourteen of the newly Professed Brothers are members of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross, three are members of the Southwest Vice-Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross, and five are members of the Eastern Vice-Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross. Following profession ceremonies, seventeen of the class were assigned to Vincent Hall, St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, and the remaining five were assigned to Dujarie Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana.

In attendance besides the relatives and friends of the newly Professed and many Brothers of Holy Cross, were Brother Donatus Schmitz, C.S.C., Provincial of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross, and Brother John Baptist Titzer, C.S.C., Vice Provincial of the Southwest Vice-Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross.

A luncheon was served to approximately one hundred guests following the Ceremony and Mass.

Brother Adalbert Mrowca, C.S.C.

A graduate of Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, Brother Adalbert is another of those who were attracted to Holy Cross by the example of their teachers.



He left his native state of Illinois in September, 1931, to enter Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wisconsin, at the age of 18. The following February he began his

novitiate at Notre Dame and a year later made his first profession and moved to Dujarie Hall for three and a half years of university studies, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in June, 1936. A summer of practice teaching at Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, was followed by final profession on August 16.

In September, 1936, he was assigned to Vincentian Institute, Albany, New York, the boys' department of which was enjoying its second year under Holy Cross tutelage. During his four years there he displayed his versatility by teaching at one time or another all the science classes. After-school hours were spent in directing the band and in acting as moderator for the Radio Club. Brother Adalbert spent his summers at Notre Dame, where his proficiency in physics attracted the attention of his superiors and of Rev. Henry Bolger, C.S.C., Head of the Physics Department. In 1940 he was selected for graduate studies



FRONT ROW: Brothers Robert Edward Ducharme, Wyandotte, Michigan; Ronald Frederick Drahozal, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; James Patrick Reese, Cleveland, Ohio; Francis John Heitzman, Louisville, Kentucky; John Carroll Schrader, Urbana, Illinois; Thomas John Derrig, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; and Ronald Thomas Ehrhardt, Fort Dodge, Iowa
MIDDLE ROW: Brothers Richard Frederick Johnson, Youngstown, Ohio; James Jeremiah Leik, Portland, Michigan; William Bernard Reiser, Erie, Pennsylvania; Richard Aloysius Kiniry, Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Francis Gaetano Santa Lucia, Waterbury, Connecticut; Richard Carl Arnold, Lebanon, Pennsylvania; and Marion Lee Tate, Downey, California
LAST ROW: Brothers Charles Edward McGannon, Muenster, Texas; David Joseph Gergen, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Charles August Drevon, Flint, Michigan; Charles Peter McBride, Chicago, Illinois; Vincent John Vanden Heuvel, Little Chute, Wisconsin; Charles Edward Mack, Indianapolis, Indiana; Edward John Burgie, Brooklyn, New York; and Donald Ernest Hood, Hollywood, California.

at the University, and September of that year found him back at Dujarie pursuing courses in mathematics and physics. In 1942 he was awarded the Master of Science degree and two years later received his doctorate. During these years he also taught at the University, becoming a full time member of the faculty in 1943, at which post he has remained continuously. At present he is an Associate Professor of Physics.

Brother Adalbert has taken full advantage of the opportunities at the University for research and for keeping abreast of the rapid developments in the field of science. Specializing in Polymer Physics and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, he and his students have contributed numerous articles to various scientific journals, particularly to the *Physical Review*, *Review of Modern Physics*, and the *Journal of Applied Physics*.

Golf clubs in late years have replaced his bicycle as a means of relaxation out of doors. For a hobby Brother Adalbert enjoys raising tropical fish. New varieties are continually appearing in the aquarium which he and Professor Darwin Mead watch over on the fourth floor of the Nieuwland Building. No doubt this diversion helps him to preserve the keen sense of humor and pleasant disposition that have characterized Brother Adalbert over the years. *Brother Edward Dailey, C.S.C.*

Austin, Texas

The Lone Star Catholic, the official newspaper for the diocese of Austin, is being edited at St. Edward's University by Dale Francis. Brother Raymond Fleck, president of the university, heads the board of ad-

visors for the weekly newspaper which made its first appearance November 17, 1957.

Mountain View, California

Brother Fisher Iwasko, principal of St. Francis High School, is a member of the Executive Board of the Catholic High School Administrators in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Brothers Norman Head, Francis Robinson, Donald Hecox, Joseph Kinsman, and Richard Reichert made an overnight camping trip to Yosemite Park. After bedding down for the night under the stars, they were visited by a 400-pound (?) bear and a full grown deer. The Brothers did not sleep too well in the subfreezing weather.

Two very active parents' clubs are furnishing the library with books, the athletic department with football and baseball equipment, the band with instruments, and their own meeting room with enough card tables and chairs to accommodate 200.

Brother Richard Reichert, C.S.C.

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Say three Hail Marys a day for Vocations.

We Hear From Africa

Several have asked for the address of our missionaries in Africa. It is:

Brothers of Holy Cross,
St. John's School, P.O. Box 492
Sekondi, Ghana, West Africa.

Letters from our missionaries are always interesting as you may judge from the following comments about Ghana by Brother Rex Hennel.

Over here we are no longer eating. We are "making chop." Food is chop; eating is chop; it is time for chop. And we are doing it with gusto.

One of our teachers, his wife and their little daughter dropped in for a visit. They mentioned that there had been a juju murder last night. A headless body was found at the bottom of a drive near their home. They told me that there is a fishing village just down the hill from us (we can see it quite well) and that the murder was a religious murder to appease the gods. Usually took place when the fishermen have had catches. Two in the past two weeks. This evening, though, two of the priests from Sekondi mission dropped in to see how we were surviving. (Everyone is worried about our not being properly taken care of.) From them we got a different story. One of the priests is in charge of the outstations of the Sekondi parish. A few days ago, he had received word that the chief was very sick, and had gone to the bush. (Bush is the term for the country.) When this news is given, it means the chief has died. As a consequence, he must have companions on his journey. The heads of the people are buried with him for this purpose. There will probably be twelve or fifteen all told. But whites are safe. Never touched. For which we are grateful. Brother Eduardo was getting goose pimples while the other was talking. He was very happy to hear white people are safe. As was I. The priests also said that if it had been a juju murder, the body would have been cut up. It must have been the death of the chief which was responsible. So much to learn on these things. But we are learning.

Over here, we drive on the left side of the road. A little strange, but you get used to it quickly.

One evening as I was preparing to go to school for a reception, I noticed an important looking personage in the back of my house. I waited for him to leave, but he seemed to linger. Soon he spotted me, and there was nothing to do but to go down and introduce myself. My hesitancy was due to a lack of knowledge of the customs here. He was a big, good-looking man. In addition to his Kente cloth, he wore sort of a turban. In front of him walked an attendant with some sort of a staff. Behind, another with an umbrella which he held over the distinguished man's head. Upon introducing myself, I found he was the Paramount Chief of Sekondi. The man in front carried a staff, upon which was a golden stool, the symbol of his office. This man was his linguist, and in sessions at his court, spoke for the Chief. He was quite intelligent and showed great interest in our



Brother Rex Hennel, C.S.C.

Brother Edwardo Michalik, C.S.C.

school, the Brothers, and the United States. He mentioned that he would like some day to visit our country and see all its wonders. As we walked toward the school, the umbrella bearer twirled the umbrella over the Chief's head. The twirling has some significance. But as yet I haven't found out just what it is. In all, the Chief had a court of six or seven men who walked along behind him.

Brother Avila Diederich, C.S.C.

From hammering nails, to bandaging fingers; from drilling holes, to plugging



leaks; from climbing ladders, to picking up — tools: add these together and you have Brother Avila the mechanic, the welder, the woodworker, and general "you-break-it-I-repair-it" man. Two of the "baby theologians" at the Foreign Mission Seminary may flash engineering degrees before your eyes while Brother wields the hammer and carves the wood. And it seems to be the general opinion that, were we to replace Brother with these engineers, theology might perhaps benefit in the exchange, but bedlam would certainly let loose. We have had experiences like this already when certain of the men have gone out to Brother's carpenter shop to search for left-handed monkey wrenches (imagine!).

From rising in the early hours of the morning, to community prayer; from Holy Mass, to Particular Examen; from visits to the Chapel to community Night Prayer: add these together and you have Brother Avila, the Religious, a man who has dedi-

cated his life's work to God through the Brotherhood. But there is much more to it than the list of exercises. There is the whole day of a Brother consecrated to God, the many sacrifices such a life entails, as well as its many joys. Often, all these are hidden from the observing eye, but down deep there is that conviction and dedication to God that sums up a Brother's vocation. And it is down deep in one's interior where God sees and knows all.

From Gibault in Terre Haute, to St. Charles Home in Milwaukee; from eight years in one, to six in the other; from workshop, to woodshop: add these together and you have Brother Avila, the teacher, the craftsman, the instructor. Fourteen years spent in the service of youth, helping them to help themselves, teaching them much more than how to use the hands. There is nothing so rewarding as this apostolate among our youth, and Brother certainly has profited from this rich harvest.

From New Haven to Holy Cross College in Washington; from Holy Cross College to the Foreign Mission Seminary: add these together and you have Brother the world traveler (for lack of a better category). And so the journey stops for a while here at the Foreign Mission Seminary where Brother Avila continues his work. Proving a theory that men with college degrees may be quite deficient in other respects, the seminarians are quick to remind Brother of the "degree" he had to get not so long ago to operate the new oil burner. Now Brother is finding out that his "degree" still brings its troubles with the yawning furnace.

Amidst all these years in the service of the Lord's vineyard, there are two years which stand out in Brother's life, and for which we may add yet another title — Brother the contractor. For Brother was a member of the famous "flying maintenance crew," who, incidentally, were not steep-jacks. Their artistic work still stands at

Bankson Lake and New Orleans as a testimony of what religious can do under the holy law of obedience.

But one cannot stop here. If we take all these titles, it would not give the whole picture. Add to all this, twenty-five years of devoted service in the Congregation of Holy Cross, and you have Brother, the Silver Jubilarian. On February 2, Brother celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his religious profession. Somehow you can name all the wonderful things a man has done his many and varied achievements, but when you come right down to dividing things and eliminating the frills, how one has lived his state in life is the paramount question. And certainly Brother can straighten up those shoulders with a touch of "holy pride" because there has been real devotion to his vocation in life.

Thanks

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Grant, O Lord, eternal life to all who do us good.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the souls of: Rev. Charles Charron, C.S.C.; the fathers of Rev. Theodore J. Mehling, C.S.C., Brother John Driscoll, Brother Robert Nebus, and Brother Hilaire Neill; the mother of Rev. Henry G. Glueckert, C.S.C.; and an uncle of Brother William Doherty.

\$10,000 Gift for Brazil Mission

A benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous has donated \$10,000 for the development of our mission work in the Amazon mission of Brazil. This generous gift will go far in furnishing many of the needs of our house and school in Santarem, and the Brothers and students at this mission will offer prayers in grateful appreciation.

Six years ago four Brothers of Holy Cross left the United States for Santarem to take over a poor mission school in the Para jungle district of Brazil. Enrollment has steadily increased in the school until it has more than doubled, requiring seven Brothers and nine lay teachers to care for nearly three hundred fifty children in the first nine grades.

The program at Santarem includes plans for additional expansion and progress. A Trade School building, nearly completed, will provide facilities for carpentry and

printing classes. If equipment can be provided in time, the carpentry shop will open in March, 1958, and the printing shop the following year. By March, 1959, it is planned to extend the nine-year program to twelve years. To the regular Primeria (grades one to five) and the Ginasio (grades six to nine), there will be added the Colegio (grades ten to twelve). This latter course is equivalent to the senior high school in the states and will be added year at a time. Additional funds (about \$10,500) will be needed for three new classrooms and laboratory equipment to introduce the Colegio program. Four additional Brothers will be added to the staff by 1961. Of equal importance in the Amazon area is the necessity of providing sufficient food for the hungry, of alleviating undernourishment, and of training farmers. At the present time, the Brothers are studying how they can add agricultural training to their Trade School program.



A new unit is almost completed for the Ginasio Dom Amando, Santarem, Para, Brazil.

Notre Dame Wins Speech Tournament

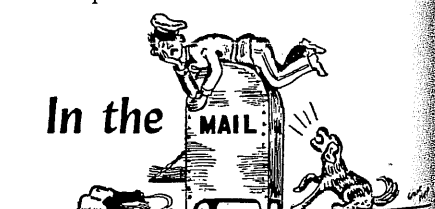
Notre Dame High School won the Sweepstakes Trophy by a close margin over Loyola at the Los Angeles Catholic Forensic League's third annual Holiday Speech Tournament at Notre Dame on January 3 and 4. In three years Notre Dame has won sweepstakes twice, and Loyola once.

Over 200 speakers from 15 Catholic high schools participated. On Friday there were 96 separately judged debates in two divisions. The topic was: Resolved, that all U.S. Economic Aid Should be Administered by the United Nations. Affirmative teams received 51 decisions, and negatives 45. Teams in "A" Division debated Oregon Style (cross-questioning).

The finals of "A" Debate were on Saturday, as well as 103 separately judged contests in individual events. The individual events were: Original Oratory, Extemp, Impromptu, Dramatic, Oratorical, and Humorous Interpretation. The Notre Dame Cafeteria, under the direction of Brother William May, served lunch to contestants, judges, and coaches.

Notre Dame will defend its Los Angeles District National Forensic League championship at UCLA on March 28 and 29. Besides the NFL District Notre Dame won sweepstakes last year in the Serra High School tournament, the Carrollton Clubs tourna-

ment, and the Southern California Debate League Novice Debate tournament. In the CFL Debate tournament Notre Dame speakers won first, second, and third place trophies. Notre Dame has the second highest standing in memberships and degrees in the Los Angeles NFL District at the present time. Brother John Doran is the Notre Dame speech coach.



J. P. writes: "Brother, you're a timid beggar, but your thank you note made me feel good, like I'd done something worthwhile. Why don't you enclose an envelope oftener? And, by the way, how much postage do you have to pay when I use your business reply envelope?"

As a rule beggars of any type are not welcome guests. We hope you'll kindly remember THE NEWSETTE during Lent when the spirit prompts you to make sacrifice. Don't worry about the postage for a business reply envelope. We'll gladly pay Uncle Sam a nickel every time a friend sends us an engraving in green of George Tom, Abe, or Alex.