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Province News

Cleveland, Ohio

Construction will begin soon on an addition to the faculty house at St. Edward High School. Six rooms will be added to the third floor to alleviate the already overcrowded quarters and accommodate the ever-increasing faculty. The Fathers Club is organizing a fund-raising project to finance the addition, in which the Mothers Club and the Alumni Association of the school will also join. . . . The Fathers Club Annual Boxing Show took place on February 26. The 10-bout program included many Golden Gloves fighters.

Gates Mills, Ohio

Brother William Geenen received his master's degree in education from Loyola University, Chicago, in February. In the same month Brother Harold Thielen got word of his election to membership in Phi Sigma Iota, the National Romance Language Honor Society. The citation read: "Your superior knowledge of French, your interest in literature and your general excellence in college work make you worthy of this honor." His initiation took place February 19 in Hayden Hall at Western Reserve University, Cleveland. Brother Harold is the 79th member accepted since the Society became a national organization.

Watertown, Wisconsin

For the first time since it opened five years ago, Sacred Heart Military Academy has its full enrollment of one hundred cadets, and a backlog of applicants on the waiting list. The first class in 1955 numbered 41 grade-schoolers; then year by year the enrollments were, respectively, 55, 82, and 84. The number of graduates from eighth grade each year since the academy opened has been 8, 16, 24, and 26. Come June, 32 Cadets are expected to receive diplomas.

Sacred Heart Military has classes from fifth through eighth grades, emphasizes small teaching groups for each instructor and daily periods of super-

vised study. Military training, inspection, supervised play, scholastic and honor awards augment the academic program and insure proper stress on character formation for the young Cadets, most of whom board at the Academy.

The Cadet roster includes boys from nine states, among them Florida, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota. One Cadet is from Canada, one from Guatemala, and four from Mexico.

Exceptional features of the curriculum are typing class for 7th and 8th graders, and Latin and algebra during the second semester of the 8th grade.

• South Bend, Indiana

At the second Dinner Meeting of the American Personnel and Guidance Association, Northern Indiana Branch, held at John Adams High School on February 18, Brother Lawrence Miller, C.S.C., was principal speaker. His topic was "Delinquent Behavior in the Adolescent." Brother Lawrence is superior of Columba Hall, Notre Dame.

• Chicago, Illinois

The Chicago Chapter of the Associates of St. Joseph will meet at Marillac House on March 20. A nominating committee for upcoming election of officers will be named and plans made for the annual Day of Recollection. A Brother, still to be selected, will be guest speaker, and the meeting will be followed by a social hour.

• Sekondi, Ghana

From St. John's School just a stone's throw from the Ghanaian coast Brother Rex Hennel, headmaster there, wrote to say that contracts for the new cafeteria-auditorium building at the school have been signed, and that he hopes to see the building up by May. A new road and parking area are also to be installed. An enormous need at St. John's is a dormitory building, for which Brother Rex hopes to find a donor of seventy to eighty thousand dollars necessary to build it.

• Vocation Record at Two CSC Schools

At St. Edward High, the Midwest province's biggest school, Brother Charles Krupp checked the files recently to find how many students over the past six years are now in seminaries or religious communities. The record shows 12 in Ohio seminaries, studying for the diocesan priesthood, 4 with the Jesuits, 1 in Florida, 1 with Maryknoll, 1 with the Franciscans, 1 with the Precious Blood Fathers, and 4 in Holy Cross Seminary of the Holy Cross Fathers.

Twenty alumni of St. Edward High are Brothers of Holy Cross, 1 is a Jesuit Brother, 1 a Maryknoll Brother and 1 in training, 2 are Poor Brothers of St. Francis, 1 alumnus is with the Servants of the Paraclete, and 1 is in the pre-seminary program at Providence College with the Dominicans. One alumnus is a Trappist Brother.

At Coyle High, one of the Eastern province schools and with half the enrollment of St. Edward's in Cleveland, since 1933 there are 58 priests among its alumni, an average of two a year since the school opened. With the ordinations in the Fall River diocese last month, there are 31 Coyle High graduates serving in that diocese. Nine have been ordained for other dioceses and 18 have entered various religious communities. Twenty-five Coyle graduates have entered the Holy Cross Brothers.

• Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Departure ceremonies for Brother Ronald Christenson, who has been assigned to the missions in Pakistan, were held at St. Charles Boys Home on February 20. Rev. John V. Vandembossche, C.S.C., gave the sermon, Rev. George Dolan, C.S.C., chaplain at St. Charles, was celebrant.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Gates Mills, Ohio

Dr. Charles Clare Higgins, a prominent Cleveland surgeon, spoke to Gilmour Academy students on January 25 on the topic, "Russian Education." Dr. Higgins spent seven weeks in Russia in 1958, studying educational and medical advances there. He is vice-president elect of the American College of Surgeons and a member of Gilmour's Board of Advisors. . . .

The annual Sports Mixer of Gilmour Academy's Men's Club on January 24 brought several athletic stars to the school. First event of the afternoon affair was an exhibition of skin diving by Louis Hull. Following that was a basketball game between the Carney Auditors and another team composed of members of the Cleveland Browns. Next Joe Russel, who is Cleveland's champion player of table tennis singles, gave a demonstration of that game. The Swiss Turners Gymnastic Team appeared next. Following came a question and answer period, with panel members including Tito Francona, outfielder for the Cleveland Indians, and Mel Harder, pitching coach for the Indians. Thirty prizes were given away to Gilmour students during the Mixer. . . . Gilmour's hopes for the '60's: a new science building, a library building, renovation of present science and library quarters into more classrooms. Plans are being made to renovate the track and add a drainage system. Over the past few years tennis courts have been resurfaced, an enclosed swimming pool built, and an electric scoreboard for the football field installed. Underway is a program to renovate locker rooms and recreation hall of the Rockne Gym.

Sponsored by the school, 25 Gilmour boys, with Brother Richard Sitar and lay teacher James M. Schueger, will leave April 18th for a study tour of Washington, D.C., to end the next Thursday. The itinerary includes stops at the National Art Gallery, the Smithsonian, the Franciscan Monastery, Catholic University, National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Georgetown, Bureau of Printing and Engraving, and the FBI. Another feature is a sightseeing bus tour immediately after arrival that includes stops at the White House, the Capitol, the Lincoln Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, a chance to watch the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and several stops in George Washington "country."

Cleveland, Ohio

Last month's newsletter of the Alumni Association of St. Edward High School noted that many members, in sending in their 1960 dues, had enclosed donations. Other than monetary gifts for the school included a fine oil painting and books for the library. Some alumni, because of their jobs, have helped St. Edward's buy books and equipment at sizeable discounts.

In late January the music department of St. Edward High in Cleveland gave two performances of the annual Pop Concert in which just about two hundred students took part. The show included the concert band, varsity glee club and freshmen glee club and was a tripartite venture of Brothers Robert Siegel, Anthony Clemente, and Stephen Davis.

The glee club at St. Edward's sang for the Mass on February 2nd which was part of the celebration for Father Whelly, the school chaplain, who observed his 25th year of ordination that day.

The concert band performed at Cleveland's Magnificat High School on February 23rd and participated in the Catholic Band Festival in Cleveland on March 6th.

The death of Father James O'Brien, C.S.C., on January 25th, who for thirty years served at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, means the Community at large has lost a beloved member and the University has lost a beloved chaplain and professor. A great many young Brothers of the Midwest province took their college training at St. Edward's, and any reminiscing about their years in Texas invariably included Father O'Brien. Father remained at the University after the Brothers took over its operation in 1946 and kept his enthusiasm for the progress of the school to the last. May he rest in peace!

Clinton, Michigan

The first alumni of Boysville to die was Harold David, a graduate in 1957, who was accidentally killed while on guard duty at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on last Christmas night. . . . The varsity band and glee club gave a combined concert at St. Joseph's Academy, Adrian, Mich., on January 25th. Featured was Brother Philip Armstrong's latest composition for band, "The Cool Cuban," its first public rendition. . . . The Boysville Mission Club, by selling popcorn and through collections, sent \$25 to Father Patrick Peyton and the Family Rosary Crusade. . . .

Akron, Ohio

The Mothers Club at Archbishop Hoban High gave a check for \$250 as their Christmas present to the Brothers there. . . . Brothers Sigismund Danielski and Donan Johnroe represented the school at Akron University reception for foreign exchange teachers last December. . . . Brother Pedro Haering, superior and principal at the Akron school, spoke to the Altar Society of St. Peter's Parish at their pre-Christmas meeting. . . . The same month Brother Roy Nash attended a three-day band clinic in Chicago. Brother Pedro addressed the Columbus K of C at a luncheon, and the same Brother spoke at a luncheon of the Akron Serra Club.

Santarem, Brazil

Reporting from the Ginasio Dom Amando, far up the Amazon River, Brother Julius Wadekamper, one of the two Midwest province men assigned to that South-West province school. He said he spent the midyear vacation between school terms readying the Juniorate for opening on February 22. "It will be a great day," Brother Julius wrote, "when we have native Brazilian Brothers, but unless we get generous help from you, we shall never be able to realize that day, for the people here are extremely poor and cannot pay the cost of a candidate's religious formation. Should anyone like to adopt a candidate and put him through religious training, I would be more than glad to furnish the necessary information about costs."

Brother Julius said he hoped many friends of Holy Cross had read the recent *Time* magazine article on the Amazon region. "The pictures give a good idea," he said, "of our surroundings."

Boysville Grad Writes Back

Here's a letter a former student of Boysville recently sent one of the Brothers there:

Hi, Brother:

I guess I better write before someone believes I've left the country.

I've got a job, keeping myself out of trouble. I go to Mass on Sundays; go to Confession and Communion. Am keeping myself in good health. In other words, I'm just doing what Boysville has taught me.

Hope you don't think I'm just letting on — my handwriting isn't the best. But I'm glad I went to Boysville. Tell everyone I said hello!

Signing off — see you around —
(Name withheld)

Notre Dame, Indiana

With 87 Brothers in residence, Columba Hall is one of the largest houses of professed men in the Community. Living there is the faculty of the boys' department of St. Joseph High School, the Notre Dame post office crew, and the Brothers who work at the Ave Maria Press. Besides these groups, there are Brothers who study at Notre Dame, three Brothers who teach there, and others.

Of the "others" just mentioned, the four cooks at Columba Hall constitute an understandably important part. Brother Amadeus Connor heads the kitchen, his assistants being Brothers Julian Przybyla, Lawrence Emge, and Edward Overstreet. Should someone go so far as to inquire, "What's for supper?" Brother Amadeus often replies, "Food," and promptly launches into another topic.

Another "regular" at Columba Hall is the housekeeper, with Brother Francis Fitzpatrick currently holding the post. Behind the electric buffer or at the stick end of a mop, he spends his workday keeping corridors and guest rooms in order plus seeing to sundry other chores.

Tucked away down an "L" on the fourth floor is the tailor shop where Brother Francis Jerome plies the needle, supplying white habits for missionaries, repairing rips or worn spots, and when time allows, making vestments and other accouterments for the chapel.

Brother Ronan Koenigsnecht is maintenance man at Columba Hall, tends the fire, and makes old things new. Duties of commissioner — general errand man via truck — occupy the time of Brother Albert Babeau. Aides in various assignments around the house are Brothers Jonas Moran and Philbert Cook.

Post Office Crew Is Part of Campus Scene

Many *Newsette* readers may not know that nine Holy Cross Brothers are duly constituted government workers in that they staff the first-class U.S. post office at the University of Notre Dame. Not only does this post office have the classification First Class, but it has a branch — at St. Mary's College, across the highway from Notre Dame.

Senator Henry Clay procured the post office for Notre Dame in 1856, and Rev. Edward Sorin became its first postmaster. Since Father Sorin's time, one Holy Cross Priest and three Holy Cross Brothers have held that post.

The tiny little post office building at

Notre Dame serves 6,296 students, in addition to five publishing firms, the administrative offices of the University, seven religious houses, the athletic offices of the Fighting Irish, and four branches of the Armed Services' ROTC programs.

Notre Dame, Indiana

Eight newly professed Brothers entered the house of studies here last month. Seven Scholastics left for assignments elsewhere in the provinces. . . . The Dujarie Hall Foreign Mission Society realized \$651 from its Christmas card sale, proceeds to go to the missions. . . . The spectacularly good art work in the scholastics' paper, "Information," is the work of Brother Thomas Derrig. Editor Brother Robert Ducharme merits high praise for this lively house organ. Artist Brother Joseph Tobin also gets plaudits for his work.

Worship magazine for January, 1960, included a long excerpt from Circular Letter 19 of the Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Very Rev. Christopher J. O'Toole, C.S.C. The letter, published March 28, 1959, contained an extensive examination of the liturgy, its practice and its effects.

Brother Lawrence Miller, C.S.C., was guest speaker at the February meeting of the South Bend Chapter of the Associates of St. Joseph. At this meeting final plans were made for a benefit dinner to be held in the St. Joseph High School Cafeteria on Sunday, March 20, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. The proceeds of this benefit will go towards the purchase of new furniture for the novitiate parlors.

Monroe, Michigan

The Mike, school newspaper at Catholic Central High, won an honorable mention in the 23rd annual School Press Project sponsored by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association. Sixty-four Michigan schools participated, with *The Mike* among four state winners of honorable mention. Brother Robert Mosher is faculty advisor for the paper.

Here and There

Report has it that the Congregation has acquired a coffee plantation in south India for a new seminary. Forty seminarians, a few already in philosophy, are already living there in temporary quarters. . . . In the same area the Holy Cross Brothers in Canada plan to open a school. Vocations thereabouts seem to be plentiful. . . . The Indiana Province of Priests will break ground in a month or two for a new Infirmary.

South Bend, Indiana

Biggest news at St. Joseph's High School — the varsity basketball team, the Indians, won the sectional playoffs on February 27, the first such victory in the school's history. . . . Mission collections every Wednesday morning in homerooms of the boys' department amounted to \$1,412.42 — all for the cause of Holy Cross foreign missions in Africa and South America. . . . Robert Blackwood, a senior, took first place in the district meet of the American Legion oratorical contest, held at Nappanee, Ind., March 3. . . . Brother Gerard Mason, a faculty member at St. Joseph's and a member of the educational committee of South Bend's unit of the NCCJ, spoke to a Brotherhood group in Rensselaer, Indiana, on February 21, his talk entitled "My Four Worlds," and covering his interreligious and interracial experiences. He's slated for another talk on March 8, to be given wives of KC members in South Bend, the topic, "Tranquillity in Adversity."

Report From Ghana

The new school year opened at St. John's Secondary School in Sekondi, Ghana, on January 12, and Brother Rex reported there are now 283 boys enrolled, with 37 slated to take the all-important School Certificate Examinations in mid-June. The 73 boys in Form I represent the highest enrollment in that initial group at school since the Brothers took over at St. John's.

Headmaster Brother Rex was elated to discover that among the 400 boys in Ghana who took common entrance exams last year, more than 400 named St. John's as their first choice of schools in Ghana.

At the school the staff now consists of 6 Holy Cross Brothers, 6 Africans, 2 Scotchmen, and one American layman. For the semester beginning next September, Brother Rex expects an enrollment of 300 students. The average age of boys now at St. John's, Brother Rex said, is about 18, the lowest it has ever been there. The Brothers aim to reduce the entrance age from 16 to 14 when that is feasible — and that means providing residence facilities.

DECEASED

Rev. Norman Johnson, C.S.C.
Rev. Michael Mathis, C.S.C.
Sister Cor Mariae, C.S.C.
Sister M. Egidia, C.S.C.
Rev. Augustin Mascarenhas, C.S.C.
Sister M. Augustella, C.S.C.
Uncle of Brother Marcellus Boneni.
Grandfather of Brother William Reiser.
Aunt of Brother Anselm Tatro.

East Pakistan

From Holy Cross High School in Hashnabad, near Dacca, Brother Neville Phillipps reports that the new school year there began in mid-January. Much on his mind at the time were end-of-term exams, each one three hours long, and only one a day. He explained how the Pakistani boys, endowed with phenomenal memories, write to the last minute of the three-hour period, often not understanding a thing of what they have memorized. One is left to imagine the task of reading through and grading the accumulation of such exam papers.

C.S.C. Author Collection Little Known

Few people know about the collection of books by and about Priests and Brothers of Holy Cross that Brother Ernest Ryan has collected over the past thirty years. The special library includes brochures, pamphlets, circular letters, and magazine articles. Asked how the project began, Brother Ernest said that long ago he felt someone should be "mining" for such ore, particularly because no one then was doing so. This situation no longer applies, for all major administrative units of the Congregation have their own archivists and historical collections.

Brother Ernest said he never counted the items in his special library, but his estimate is over five hundred books. He lacks 67 books by Holy Cross men, now unobtainable, but officially registered in the Library of Congress or the Bibliotheque Nationale.

The CSC-author collection includes writers of Father Moreau's time and since, includes the Founder of the Congregation and Father Dujarie, the originator of the Brothers' Society. Many works are in French, come from France or Canada, others are translations into Bengali done by Holy Cross missionaries, and one is a recent translation to Japanese — *The Chemistry of Acetylene*, by Father Julius Nieuwland and Richard R. Vogt.

Finding rare books is the collector's principal problem. For years Brother Ernest has been trying to locate a copy of a textbook on chemistry written by Father Joseph Maguire and published by the Ave Maria Press around 1910 — one of the first books published by that firm. He still has a few volumes to find before completing the set of books written by Father John Zahm, the famous Notre Dame scientist and traveler who accompanied Teddy Roosevelt on one of his South American jungle trips. Certain education tests by Father James Burns, although of comparatively recent date, are also impossible to come by, Brother Ernest said.

As far as is known, no collection other than Brother Ernest's has a copy of a course in philosophy written by Bishop Louage, C.S.C., a contemporary of the Founder, and the Holy Cross religious who became Bishop of Dacca, the missionary field assigned the Community shortly after its founding. A rare item Brother has not been able to procure is a translation of the *Imitation of Christ* by Father Edward Sorin, the only known copy of which belongs to the Notre Dame library. Then there is Father O. Desrochers' translation of the New Testament into Bengali, a rarity of the collection, with few copies anywhere except for the one in Brother Ernest's library.

Asked who has been the most prolific author in Holy Cross history, Brother Ernest said it was Father John Zahm, whose works include books on science, travel, history, and evolution. Still a standard work is this author's *Sound and Music*. Among the Brothers it is Brother Ernest himself who takes the lead among authors, having written more than a hundred titles, mostly biographies of saints for various reading levels. Besides, Brother Ernest is author of eight novels for teenagers, two or three books on religion and methodology, one about orders of Brothers working in the U.S. (68, when he wrote it), a compilation of poems, and various articles and reviews.

The collection of CSC authors housed in the offices of Dujarie Press, where Brother Ernest keeps another special collection devoted to an important saint he would like to leave unnamed here for certain reasons. Both these collections are of intrinsic historical value and will be invaluable aids in years to come. The crammed shelves show not only that Holy Cross religious have written far more than even members of the Community suspect, but that one man's initiative and quiet work over several decades has given Holy Cross something it would be impossible to replace.

Brother Lionel Light, sales representative for Dujarie Press, has spent the past few months in New Orleans and points west visiting Catholic schools to sell Dujarie Press books. After he "covers" Texas, where he is now, he will go to San Diego and San Francisco, whereupon he turns eastward to canvass in major cities between the coast and South Bend.

Vocation Note For Parents

At canonization ceremonies some time ago the Holy Father said that the example of the two saints being canonized "afford us the happy opportunity of implanting in your hearts the esteem felt for the life consecrated to God through religious vows, particularly today, when open-hearted youth can be misled by false mirages of illusory earthly success.

"We, therefore, affirm the superiority of the priestly and religious vocation over other states of life — even the most sacrificing and faithful to the Lord.

"We also wish to manifest our paternal and encouraging praise for those families who know how to appreciate and respect in their bosom the gift of vocation and who claim themselves happy to give some of their children to the Lord if He calls them. May these families know that they are preparing for themselves the sweetest satisfaction on this earth, and above all a shining crown in Heaven."

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