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Province News

Brother Theodore LaTour has been appointed chairman of the planning committee, and Brother Joseph Berg as a discussion leader for teachers of the emotionally disturbed, for the 1962 Child Care Seminars sponsored by the University of Wisconsin and the state's Department of Public Welfare.

A capital fund drive will be conducted at St. Charles Boys Home, Milwaukee, for a new school building, clinical service building, and a "transition care" house.

Brother John Schuszler talked on the vocation of the Brother to two of the seniors' religion classes at Schulte High School in Terre Haute.

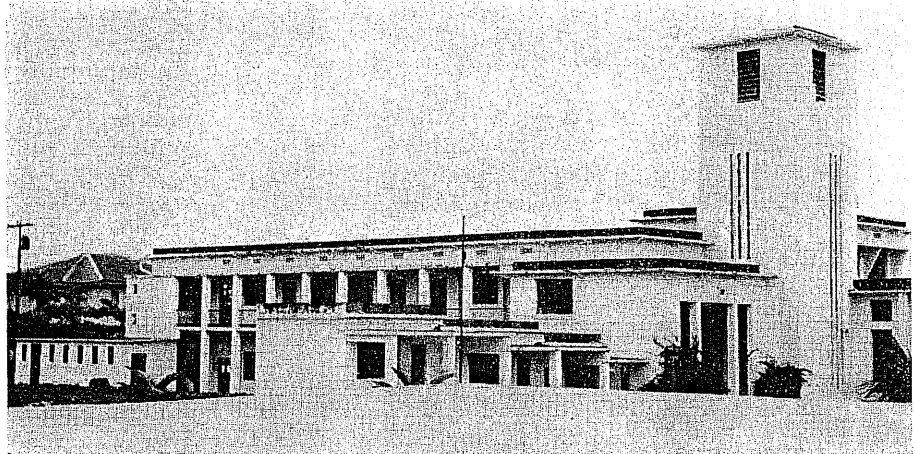
Brothers Donald Bailer and Richard Shea, of the St. Joseph's High faculty in South Bend, attended the recent meeting of the National Business Teachers' Association in Chicago.

The 1962 senior class presented Boysville with a basketball scoreboard that cost six hundred dollars.

The author of a recently published book on guerrilla warfare methods of fighting communist guerrillas and who is now with the Human Resources Research Office in Washington, D.C., was a ward of Father Gibault School in Terre Haute for some fifteen months over a decade ago. He wrote the Brothers there a while ago, saying: "I had the good fortune to being a ward of Gibault. . . . I say 'good fortune' because I view this short period as the most rewarding of my still young life. During my stay I probably would not have been voted the one most likely to succeed; however, I have met with some success. I attribute much of my ability to strive ahead to my earlier training at Gibault." The former Gibault boy has earned two university degrees, is working on a third. His interest in guerrilla warfare came through his experiences in the U.S. Marines, in which he had training as a Navy frogman, Army paratrooper, and Marine raider.

Brother Philip Armstrong has organized a drum and bugle corps at Boysville: 12 buglers, 13 percussionists, 4

PROVINCE TO TAKE ON OPERATION OF SCHOOL IN MONROVIA, LIBERIA



ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL

A few weeks ago Brother Donatus Schmitz, Midwest provincial, announced that three Brothers would be sent early this fall to Liberia, to take over the operation of St. Patrick's High School in the city of Monrovia.

Presently operated by S.M.A. missionary priests, the school is expected to have a maximum staff of seven Brothers, plus lay teachers.

A fourth Brother, not yet assigned, will go to Monrovia sometime this fall to teach at St. Patrick's.

Offer of this foundation came from the Bishop of Monrovia, the Most Rev. Francis Carroll, who visited the Brother Provincial in South Bend a few months ago.

Brother Donald Allen, who was a "charter member" of the Ghana school faculty but who returned to the States last year for further studies, has been assigned to St. Patrick's. The other two assigned to this new school of the Midwest province are Brothers Austin Maley and Chester Rachel.

color guards, and a drum major. Equipment was donated by the William C. Stark Post of the American Legion, No. 97, of Adrian, Michigan.

Four quarter horses — a roan mare, a black stallion, and two bay stallions — were given to Boysville by Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Pickard, who live near Ann Arbor. The school's Saddle Club looks after and rides the mounts.

Reitz Memorial High School Evansville, Indiana

The CSMC unit has initiated a project to gather church goods and furnishings for the Archbishop of Cape Coast, Ghana. Letters were sent all pastors in the Evansville area and some

publicity received in diocesan press. Mission unit members repair and clean materials received.

Brother John Schrader has an NSF summer institute grant for Marquette University, which covers tuition and fees, plus a living expense allowance. This is the second year he received such a grant.

Eighteen of Brother Richard Reaume's former students who are attending St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, gave a testimonial dinner for him there and named him an honorary member of the "Edsmen" Club.

The same Brother Richard gave a talk on testing to the PTA of Reitz

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JUNIORATE TO OPEN IN GHANA: DORMITORY FOR SEKONDI SCHOOL TO HOUSE 160 NOW BEING BUILT

On March 19, feast of St. Joseph, the patron saint of Holy Cross Brothers, the Archbishop of Cape Coast blessed the site of a new juniorate the Midwest province will conduct on campus of St. John's Secondary School in Sekondi, Ghana.

A few weeks later construction began on a dormitory for the school, to house 160 of the 300 African boys enrolled at St. John's.

The juniorate building will include five or six classrooms to be used by the school, but it is mainly a residence for young Africans in initial training to enter the Congregation of Holy Cross as Brothers.

Five or six aspirants are expected next September to enter the juniorate. These will be the first Africans ever to begin training for the religious life in the Brothers of the Congregation of

Holy Cross.

Both dormitory and juniorate are being built at considerable sacrifice by the Midwest province, and the former at particular urging of the General Administration. Yet it was felt that threat of financial loss should not deter these ventures.

Except for 60 boys who now board at the school, the St. John's students live off campus, oftentimes in hole-in-the-wall corners and with only subsistence diets, their time away from school frequently a danger to health and morals.

With the new dormitory campus boarding facilities will take care of at

PROVINCE SILVER JUBILARIANS FOR 1962



The group pictured above shows Midwest Province members who this year mark the 25th anniversary as Holy Cross Brothers. Standing in front row center is Brother Donatus Schmitz, the provincial. FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Brothers Ambrose Nowak, Gilbert Scher, Donatus, Benedictus Secoy, Donard Steffes. BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Brothers Lawrence Miller, Cyprian Milke, Ivo Regan, and Caius Webber. Absent at time picture was taken: Brother Fabian Leimeister, golden jubilarian, and Brother Edwin Mattingly, silver jubilarian.

- Date: April 14, 1962
- Solemn High Mass: Sacred Heart Church, Notre Dame, Indiana
Celebrant: Rev. Bernard Mullahy, C.S.C., Provincial
Deacon: Rev. Leonard Banas, C.S.C.
Subdeacon: Rev. David Verhalen, C.S.C.
Sermon: Rev. Lawrence LeVasseur, C.S.C.
- Dinner: St. Joseph's High School, South Bend, Indiana
Toastmaster: Brother Kieran Ryan, C.S.C.

- Speaker: Brother Donatus Schmitz, C.S.C., Provincial
- Special Guests:
1 Golden Jubilarian of Midwest Province
9 Silver Jubilarians of Midwest Province
- Other Guests:
About 250 Priests and Brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross
- Jubilee Arrangements: Brother Gonzaga Day, C.S.C.
Catering, Services, etc.: Brothers of Columba and Dujarie Halls

least two-thirds of the total enrollment.

"We want to have as many of our boys as possible live on campus," said headmaster Brother Rex, "where they can study better and live as students should."

"The basic aim," he added, "is to provide the full benefits of a Catholic school, including the sacramental life, for our young Africans. This is most possible at a school where the students board."

The juniorate building will include a chapel seating sixty persons. The only chapel on campus right now is a small one in the Brothers' faculty house.

DECEASED

- Rev. George J. Baldwin, C.S.C.
- Rev. Robert J. Sheehan, C.S.C.
- Brother Herbert Morrow, C.S.C.
- Brother Severin Smith, C.S.C.
- Brother of Brother Leon Gnewuch, C.S.C.
- Mother of Brother Robert Bellarmine, C.S.C.
- Father of Brother John Berchmans, C.S.C.
- Father of Brother Romain Healy, C.S.C.
- Father of Brother Arthur Hannaway, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Canisius, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Everildis, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Constantia, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Arilda, C.S.C.
- Mother of Brother Howard Martin Toeppe, C.S.C.

Death Ends Long Illness For Brother Severin Smith

On April 26th Brother Severin Smith died at St. Joseph's Hospital in South Bend. He was 65.

Over the past three years he had been ailing with a progressively serious blood condition for which he received approximately sixty blood transfusions. Hospitalized for two months before his death, he was in great pain during the final weeks but took these cheerfully and resignedly.

He was born in Rochester, New York, on January 4, 1897, joined the Brothers in 1918, and took final vows at Notre Dame in 1923.

He taught schools in East Pakistan and here in the States after completing his education at Notre Dame, and for the last ten years had been at Boyssville, in Michigan.

General Chapter of Congregation To Meet in Rome This Summer

Ex officio and elected delegates from all provinces of the Congregation of Holy Cross will convene in Rome this summer for the 1962 General Chapter.

Representatives from the Midwest province are Brother Donatus Schmitz, the provincial; Brother Bonaventure Foley, Brother Kieran Ryan, Brother Lawrence Miller, and Brother Alfonso Comeau.

With the opening of the Chapter, the twelve-year term of office of the Superior General, Very Rev. Christopher J. O'Toole, C.S.C., comes to an end. His successor will be elected by the General Chapter delegates.

Religious communities hold general chapters to revitalize religious life and legislate upon disciplinary and administrative matters.

The General Chapter of the Congregation of Holy Cross meets every six years.

Lively Mission Unit At Chicago School Expands Its CSMC Work

Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, is the first school in Illinois to accept an invitation from national headquarters of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade to volunteer for a new nation-wide CSMC committee. Called the "New Age Committee," the group will prepare for the CSMC national convention in August at Notre Dame.

Robert Kulinski, a member of the Holy Cross Unit of the CSMC at Holy Trinity High, has since been appointed to the new committee.

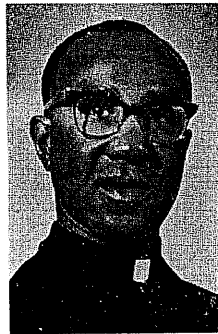
At the school the CSMC unit recently presented a hobby show, proceeds going to Holy Cross missions in Pakistan, Uganda, Ghana, and Chile.

Displays included stamp and coin collections, model cars, art work, photography, camping equipment, model railroads, rifles and antique arms, and a Civil War collection.

A special booth offered mint stamps, "first day" covers, and stamp packets for sale.

Newest Province Member To Become Headmaster At St. John's School in Ghana

An exchange between Midwest and South-West provinces recently makes Brother Gerard Mason, at least for now, the newest member of the Brothers' Midwest province.



Brother Gerard Mason, C.S.C.

In turn, Brother Ralph Kuder now belongs to the South-West province.

With expiration of the 1963 summer Brother Rex Hensel's term as superior and headmaster of St. John's Secondary

School in Sekondi, Ghana ends. Brother Gerard will assume the post. He leaves for Africa in late August.

Brother Gerard has been teaching for the past six years at St. Joseph's High School in South Bend, where he heads the English department, moderates the mission club, and is faculty counselor of the junior class.

His classes in advanced composition at St. Joseph's have become one of the outstanding offerings in the curriculum, very popular with the better students, and extraordinarily effective in whipping up enthusiasm not only for works of literature, but for producing quite noteworthy creative writing from the student-authors.

Proof of the influence and effect of Brother Gerard's teaching and extra-curricular work is evident, for one, in the number of his former students, now college men, who call to talk over their classes and tell how things are going. It seems few of those who took his advanced writing class do not appreciate the thorough preparation he gave in high school for the college English and literature courses later on. Being able to express themselves clearly and forcefully has, above all, been a benefit to these students.

Before he entered Holy Cross, Brother Gerard earned his A.B. degree at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and also served a hitch in the U.S. Army. This coming August he completes requirements at Notre Dame for his master's degree, required of high school teachers in Ghana, incidentally.

It seems almost superfluous to say he is highly popular at Columba Hall, where he helps brighten up things with his lively spirit, wide interests, readiness to volunteer for unpopular chores, and cheerful living of the religious life.

He can get "all worked up," as the term goes, digging for the best means to present such works as "Antigone" or "Hamlet" or *The Power and the Glory* to his classes. Discussions and student papers he elicits after high-schoolers have studied the five or six

literary masterworks of past or present he assigns each year are frequently of a quality far beyond the ordinary.

It is no surprise, then, to find Brother Gerard interested in reading, music, the arts generally, and things of mind and spirit. To teaching and other school concerns he brings a serious professionalism, demanding but kind. On the other hand, he has no dearth of high spirits, which keep bubbling up whether pressure is off or on.

Not many teachers can, as he often does, return home after five or six teaching periods, then — as he waits for coffee to heat — do some hop'n skip dance steps out of an exuberance that refuses to be long repressed.

He looks on his assignment to Ghana with some trepidation — as who would not, but challenges have never been his *bete noir*. What the home school loses, the one in Ghana gains.

PROVINCE NEWS

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Memorial High at its March meeting. He also took part in a diocesan workshop for secondary school teachers after Easter.

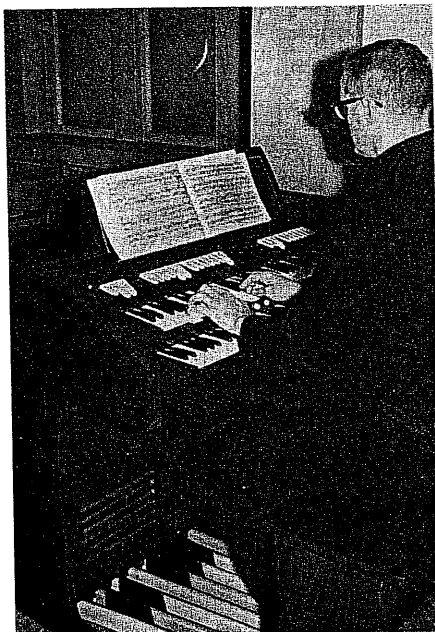
Catholic Central High School
Monroe, Michigan

The Falcon Club's yearly fund drive proceeds helped cover expenses for car insurance, raincoats for school band members, football equipment, and an outdoor basketball court.

The annual luncheon sponsored by the Mothers Club, held recently, helped finance the school's testing program, buy lab equipment and other items for school or faculty house.

Brothers Jeffrey Michels and Ambrose Nowak took part in a meeting of guidance counselors for schools of the Detroit Archdiocese.

Michigan now requires high school football players to wear teeth guards. Brothers Joseph Dudek and Vincent Masterson helped two local dentists make plaster casts of upper teeth of all CC varsity players for next year as well as the fitted plastic guards cast from these molds.



Pictured here is a study of the new Gulbransen organ recently installed in the chapel of Columba Hall. It was bought by the Provincial Administration as a memorial to the late Brother Francis Wilhelm, c.s.c. Brother Evan Schmid, c.s.c., is Columba Hall organist.

BULLETIN

Association of Saint Joseph
Chicago Chapter

The Chicago Chapter of the Association of St. Joseph will hold its final meeting of the school year, and social hour for members and their families, on Sunday, May 20, at 3 p.m., at Holy Trinity High School.

Installation of new officers will be made at the meeting, as follows: Florence Olszowka, president; Martha Davis, vice-president; Arthur Enk, secretary; Lillian Rymarowicz, treasurer.

GILMOUR ACADEMY

Gates Mills, O.

A new athletic league composed of Gilmour and four, possibly five, other independent schools in Ohio begins functioning with a conference track meet next spring. Competition in football, basketball, and track follow as per season. Gilmour will play each league team in basketball next year, but will remain in the North Central Conference.

The Gilmour Forensics Team topped a field of over three hundred students from over twenty-two high schools when early this year it won the Vermillion High School speech tournament sweepstakes award for the highest total points. In the season so far Gilmour has been first or second in every individual speaking category in which it had representatives. Categories include humor, dramatics, extemporaneous speaking, declamation.

The Academy has adopted the Secondary School Admission Test, prepared by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N.J., administrators of the College Entrance Board exams. Leading prep schools use the test, which examines a student's reading ability and aptitude in vocabulary and math. The test lasts three hours, is given in specially assigned centers. Results show how the student compares with others around the world and help predict his achievement in school work.

REITZ MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Evansville, Ind.

"The Ideal Student" was the subject of principal Brother Just's recent talk at the school's Patrons' Club meeting, also at a meeting of Holy Spirit Parish's Men's Club.

Brother Richard Reaume served on a panel at Christ the King Parish on parental planning of the child's future. At Holy Trinity Parish he spoke to the PTA on high school guidance and counseling, and at St. Theresa School he told 7th and 8th graders about the Holy Cross Brother's vocation.

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