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Standing on this spot, one looks directly north over the Chemung River to the township of Big Flat. To the right in the line of vision is Harris Hill, about 100 feet higher.

Through a break in the high ridge on the north side of the Chemung River, the view is beautiful. The rolling hills extend as far as the eye can reach. On clear days Seneca Lake, one of New York's Finger Lakes, 20 miles to the north, can be seen.

It is this scene of natural grandeur that suggests to monks and visitors alike some of the spiritual aspects of the Benedictine monasticism.

MONKS CAMBIO, an Italian monk, was selected by St. Benedict in the fifth century as the site of his first monastery. Overlooking the Little Valley, it has survived the ravages of barbarian attacks, war and destruction repeatedly throughout the history of 14 centuries. It now is being rebuilt again after the destruction caused by bombing during World War 2.

The monks of Mount Saviour follow the monastic tradition originated by Abbot Prosper Guéranger of Solesmes in France. His aim was the restoration of the purely monastic ideal laid down by St. Benedict.

For this reason Abbot Guéranger and his followers did not take over schools or parishes but concentrated on the spiritual life of the monks. Solesmes became famous through the work of the Abbey did for the restoration of Gregorian Chant. Maria Laach became the center for the liturgical movement in Germany.

The Mount Saviour monks intend to follow in the footsteps of the Solesmes tradition without, however, neglecting manual labor, one of the most important elements in the monastic life. Recollected by St. Benedict in the fifth century, the monks of the Abbey did for the restoration of Gregorian Chant. Maria Laach became the center for the liturgical movement in Germany.

In addition to agriculture, the monks will engage in carpentry, wood carving, pottery and other crafts.

ALREADY volunteer workers from many sections of the East have found their way to Mount Saviour to join with the monks in helping prepare the way for the new monastery. In some cases, the monks have given their assistance. The guest list shows home addresses as New York, Boston, Brooklyn and other places in New England and New Jersey. Among the volunteers drawing special appreciation from the monks are Robert Lafont of Boston, Al Class of Long Island and Vincent Clemente of Brooklyn.

Starting as a trickle, more and more visitors are coming to Mount Saviour to inspect the property and chat with the monks.

Chanting of Vespers at 5 p.m. each afternoon finds the small oratory at times barely sufficient to accommodate the number of lay worshippers. On Sundays after Vespers, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is given. The public is welcome.

The first greater retreat at the Monastery was completed a few weeks ago with a group of 13 young men from Brooklyn taking part.

The growth of the new Benedictine community is reflected in the daily increase of mail. Each day workers drive to Elmira in the community jeep and pick up the mail from P. O. Box 272. At the rate of increase it soon will exceed annual sales.

Father Roche Serves With 109th Infantry

Rev. Martin A. Roche, class of 1937 at St. Bernard's Seminary, as a Chaplain with the rank of Major is with men of the 109th Infantry in maneuvers preparing for actual combat conditions at Camp Atterbury.

Chaplain Roche was formerly assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Scranton.

BRINGS BOOKS TO READERS



INSIDE the Monroe County Bookmobile, Sister Rose Angela, O.S.F., of Buffalo, confers with Miss Monica Toole, the traveling librarian, on advantages of bringing sound reading to the readers. (Courier Staff Photo)

Advantages Of Bookmobile Told To Library Students

Monroe County's Bookmobile was inspected by the Library Science Classes at Nazareth College Summer School, Tuesday morning, July 31 and was visited by members of the faculty and other students while it remained on the campus.

Miss Monica Toole, librarian for the traveling library and a graduate of Nazareth College, attends to the book needs of rural areas which are not serviced by locally established libraries, she explained.

The Bookmobile Service of Monroe County has been caring for the needs of readers of all ages and occupations in out-of-the-way places in this county since 1923, students were told.

The traveling library makes 182 stops regularly, including 43 rural schools.

In a talk to the Library Science classes, Miss Toole described briefly the history, organization, operation and advantages of the traveling library.

Needs Of Flood Victims Reported By Red Cross

Rehabilitation following the extensive damage done by flood waters in the Diocese of Kansas City for whose victims His Excellency Bishop Kearney is this week making an urgent appeal is reported under way by the Red Cross.

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In Kansas City, office girls, and volunteers from organized labor, the county Department of Public Welfare, the Family Service Association, the University of Kansas Medical Center staff, State Division of Child Welfare, and many other services are helping in the difficult and time-consuming job of handling the thousands of registrations for the Red Cross.

THE KANSAS CITY Red Cross Canteen services has been going 24 hours a day for nine days. It has put out an average of 5000 sandwiches a day, 2400 bottles of milk, and 2700 glasses of lemonade. In that city more than 5000 families have already applied for extended Red Cross Aid.

A first sampling of the rehabilitation job in store for the Red Cross in rebuilding flooded homes for persons in need of financial help was taken in Armourdale and Argentine section of Kansas City.

Of the 78 homes surveyed in the West Section of Armourdale, 43 were totally destroyed, 31 had major damage requiring extensive rebuilding and only four had minor damage. In another section of that community 24 homes were surveyed showing 21 totally demolished, many completely vanished, and only three had minor damage.

Surveying a five to six block area of the Argentine district north of the Santa Fe Shops were the levee break occurred, the Red Cross Committee found complete desolation. Not a home was left standing. A late report states that in Kansas City alone, 850 individual homes have been totally destroyed by the flood.

'I Think It's Awful'

By MARY E. FITZGERALD
 Executive Director, Elmira Catholic Charities

"I think it's awful." And shamefacedly I had to agree. It was a call from one of the non-sectarian agencies in our community, begging the loan of a Foster Home and I had none to offer.

Perturbed, much more so, than many of you, who might be prone to second and colleague, went on to tell me about the Catholic Foster children, who are in Non-Catholic homes or in institutions.

"I think it's awful—that your Catholic people don't take Foster Children," she concluded. Lamentably, I answered "But they have their own" — and "Not all of them" was the quick comeback.

NOW—PLEASE don't decide this is not for you and quickly cut your *Courier Journal* one side, because maybe it is for you. What's more it may be a special message bringing you the means of saving not only your own soul, but the souls of some of the forgotten boys and girls.

This, however, does not refer to children for adoption. That is quite a different matter and we find many applicants, who want a baby for their very own. We do and will have bright, beautiful infants and a few older children for adoption, if that is the particular way in which God intends you to have a family.

Just what can I say next? You have turned a deaf ear to our previous requests, through the press, radio, the pulpit and personal appeals. We have daringly told you, that but for the grace of God it might be your child, who needed foster care. We have punctured each one of your excuses—"It's too much responsibility. They will just be problem children. You don't pay enough to make it worth while."

Well, Dear Mr. and Mrs.—Parents of two grown up children, or perhaps children, the situation is tragic and so let me be likewise.

More than nineteen hundred years ago, the first Foster Father or mother went from door to door in Bethlehem, seeking a shelter for his spouse, who was with child, but "There was no room in the Inn" for Mary, our Blessed Mother and for the Infant Jesus.

AND SO, TODAY, these foster children are tapping on the door of your heart, asking for shelter, for food, and above all for love and protection. There isn't any matter of degree in these immortal souls of theirs, each and every one is made to the image and likeness of God. It could be, however, that among these little ones, there is a boy, who might some day remember you at the altar of God or a girl, who will wear the habit of a religious. Be that as it may, it is your obligation—the first Foster Child is testing your love for Him.

Just call Catholic Charities Office and we will do the rest. Respond as you should, and we will have Foster Homes enough for ourselves and for the other agencies in our community. "God bless you!" In the words of Bishop Sheen for your immediate reply. Surely you to whom He has given the gift of faith, will not be less generous to Him than are the countless non-Catholic Fathers and Mothers, who are substituting for Parents, who can or will not fulfill that God-given role.

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CDA Court To Hold Outing

The annual picnic of the Court Rochester 119, Catholic Daughters of America will be held Wednesday, August 8, at the Wishing Well, 1950 Chili Ave., at 8:30 p.m.

A buffet supper will be served and games and entertainment will be followed by recitation of the Rosary.

Reservations must be made before August 4 with Mrs. Nan Dwyer. Members are asked to bring Food Club Labels and applications for membership.

Mrs. Rena Pagano is chairman of arrangements and Mary Clark, Mrs. Helen Gillis and Margaret Garlanti are on committee.

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