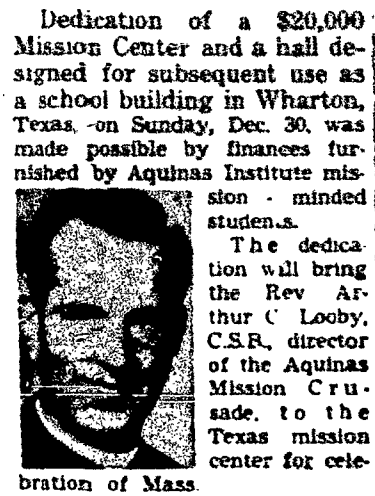


Aquinas Students' \$20,000 Builds New Mission Center, Hall In Wharton, Texas



Dedication of a \$20,000 Mission Center and a hall designed for subsequent use as a school building in Wharton, Texas, on Sunday, Dec. 30, was made possible by finances furnished by Aquinas Institute mission-minded students.

The dedication will bring the Rev. Arthur C. Looby, C.S.B., director of the Aquinas Mission Crusade, to the Texas mission center for celebration of Mass.

FATHER LOOBY will fly from Rochester to the Texas town. While there he will make a complete tour of the Mexican Mission territory in charge of the Basilian Fathers who also operate Aquinas Institute.

The Rochester priest is accepting an invitation of the Most Rev. Wendelin J. Nold, Bishop of Galveston, to take part in the dedication ceremony.

The \$20,000 raised for the Basilian mission is the second fund in two years raised by Aquinas students for Texas Missions. In 1949 the students collected \$16,000 to build St. Thomas Church at Angleton, Texas.

Wharton's new Mission Center consists of a one-story residence. It contains three offices, four bedrooms, a community room, dining room, living quarters for the cook and other facilities. The hall erected is made of cement blocks and plastered on the outside. It is 35 feet wide and 108 feet long. Plans are to convert this hall into a school for the Mexican children of the locality.

BOTH THE mission center and hall will be dedicated to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Father Looby said this week.

Wharton is a town of 8,000 people and is located about 60 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico in the hurricane area of Texas.

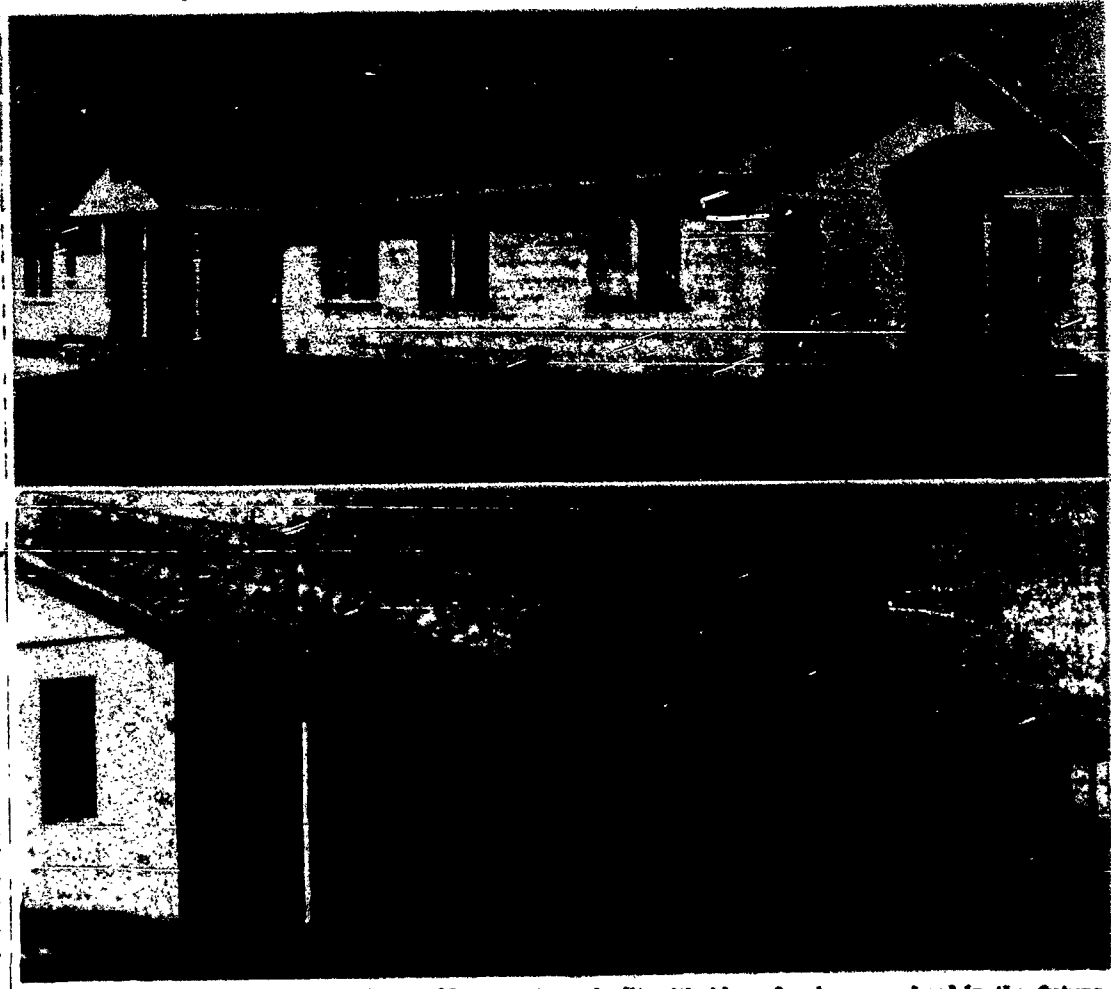
Situated on the Colorado River, Wharton is a county seat and is the banking and shopping center for the miners of the famed sulphur mines of New Gulf.

Wharton is the home of two famed Americans, Carl Reynolds, outstanding New York Yankee outfielder of the early thirties, and Buckshot Lane, colorful sheriff of Wharton County.

FLYING FROM persecution in Mexico during the second and third decades of this century thousands of Mexicans sought refuge in the Wharton area and became ranch workers and sharecroppers, according to "The Aquinas." Aquinas is a mission paper.

"Their plight was a sad one," the paper said. "Exploited and neglected they became outcasts in America. Lacking priests, their spiritual life was entirely neglected."

In the 1930's this area of Texas was allotted to the Basilian Fathers and a Mission Center was established at Rosenberg. From this center missionaries



AQUINAS STUDENTS by their sacrifices and efforts produced the \$20,000 needed to build the two structures in Wharton, Texas, (above). Top building is Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mission Center and lower photo shows portion of hall

served the Mexicans at Wharton. In 1948 a church was built for the Mexicans at Wharton but the priests had to travel 26 miles from Rosenberg.

WHEN THE Aquinas students completed financing the Angleton church, two years ago arrangements were made with the Rev. John Collins, C.S.B., director of the Basilian Mexican Missions to finance completely the new center at Wharton.

Work was begun early last spring by the priests and the Mexican people themselves who volunteered their labor.

Three resident missionaries have taken up residence at Wharton and serve not only the Mexicans in that area but also those at the Mission stations at New Gulf, Bay City, and Eagle Lake as well as countless farms and ranches.

St. Monica's To Honor 2 Pastors

Members of the Holy Name Society and Rosary Society of St. Monica's parish and other parishioners will honor two former pastors at a ceremony in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Sunday, Dec. 23 according to Francis G. Wagner, Holy Name president.

They will participate in the ceremony in which the Rev. Michael P. O'Brien, spiritual director, will place a wreath on each of the graves of the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Brophy and the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Bergan, and lead in prayers for the repose of their souls.

Holiday Reunions Scheduled For Stella Maris Campers

Highlighting the Christmas holidays for all the campers of Camp Stella Maris, diocesan summer camp, will be two large Reunions to be held in the Columbus Civic Center during Christmas week.

Invitations were issued this week to all the boys from last summer's session to meet their counselors and other friends at a gala party on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 27, from 2 until 4 in the Ballroom of Columbus Civic Center.

All girls from Stella Maris will have their reunion on Friday afternoon, Dec. 28, from 3 until 5 at the Civic Center.

The Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy, director of Camp Stella Maris announced that Miss Mary Hannick is in charge of the Girls' Reunion and that John Hempel of St. Bernard's Seminary will conduct the program for all the boys.

31 Nazareth Seniors Practice Teaching

Thirty-one Nazareth College students are doing practice teaching in Rochester and area schools. They are all seniors.

Students cadet in the teaching field are: Rose Ann Chiappone and Joan Goodspeed, East High School; Joan Moore, Ann Smyles, Madeline Madigan, Jean Major and Carmen Thomas, West High School; Marilyn Spall, Charlotte; Josephine Friscano, Helene Donnelly, John Marshall, Jean Scheg, Monroe High; Florence Del Rosso, Sheila O'Grady, Jefferson; Joanne Connolly, Madison; Anne Riedman, Bernadette Sentner, Benjamin Franklin; Dorothy Jablonski, Joanne Schumacher, Brighton; Jeanne Drexillus, Martha Moran and Mary Schultz, East Rochester; Carol Lortcher, Patricia McWilliams, Fairport; Mary Lou Kenny, Margaret Mattern, Joan Reichart, Joan Tavert, Irondequoit; Virginia Barbeau, Mary Ann Miller, Penfield; Margaret Mary Berry, Pittsford; Jane Yvonne Koenen, Nazareth Academy and De Sales High School, Geneva.

PFC Semple Awarded Purple Heart Medal

PFC Donald J. Semple, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester J. Semple, 511 Magee Ave. and a member of Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral parish, has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action on Nov. 29 while serving with the First Marine Division in Korea.

In Korea, Semple has been attached to an engineering battalion. He joined the Marine Corps Reserve in 1948 and was called to active duty about a year ago last month.

HOLIDAYS' DEADLINE

Because Christmas and New Year's Day come on Tuesday this year, news copy for the issue of Dec. 28 should be in the Courier-Journal office, 35 So. St., Rochester 4, N. Y., Monday, Dec. 24; for Jan. 4 issue, the news should arrive on Dec. 30. Offices will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

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Bishop To Pontificate At Midnight Christmas

Solemn Pontifical Mass will be celebrated Christmas eve at midnight in Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Flower City Park to usher in the Feast of the Nativity in the Diocese of Rochester.

At the same time throughout the diocese Solemn High Midnight Masses will be offered in churches and chapels. Music appropriate to the Christmas Feast will be sung at the Midnight Masses and again at high Masses on Christmas day.

His Excellency the Bishop will be assisted by the following: the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilfrid T. Craugh, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, assistant priest; the Rev. V. J. Fullerton, C.S.B., and the Rev. Wilfrid S. Riley, C.S.B., deacons of honor; the Rev. J. Emmett Murphy, deacon and the Rev. Francis J. Taylor, subdeacon.

Students of St. Andrew's Seminary will fill the minor offices of the Mass.

THE BISHOP will preach the sermon. The entire Mass will be broadcast over WHAM.

Also in the Sanctuary will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, pastor, the Rev. William F. Nolan and the Rev. Edward J. McAniff of the Pro-Cathedral. The annual Christmas Pageant conducted by Bishop Kearney in Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral will begin at 7:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23.

(Christmas services broadcast on Page 1).

10 Aquinas Grads Enter Religion

Ten Aquinas Institute alumni are continuing their studies in religious communities or for the Holy Priesthood according to "The Aquinas," published by the Catholic Student Mission Crusade of Aquinas Institute.

Carl Bransley, who had remained at Aquinas would have graduated this coming June, has entered the Oblate Brothers to spend his life in the Eskimo Missions in the far north. He was active in the mission work at Aquinas.

Robert Wood, winner of the Pasquin Award and last year's editor of "The Aquinas," and Robert White, have entered the Paulists in Baltimore.

Alto Graham and Jack Henry, former Mission Mount missionaries are in the Basilian Fathers novitiate. Thomas Kump and Richard Frazee, also former Mission Mounters, are now in the Franciscans.

Sheldon Kean and Paul Froemmer are studying at St. Andrew's Seminary.

CATHOLIC HEADLINES by Rev. Richard Tormey on WHAM 12:10 Sunday

Pontifical Mass At St. Joseph's Set For Holy Name Men

Sixth Annual Solemn Pontifical Mass in honor of the Feast of the Holy Name will bring Archbishop of New York, Francis Spellman of Rochester and Monsignor Joseph J. Bergan of St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, to the city.

The Mass is set for 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24. The Holy Name Men of the Diocese of Rochester will celebrate the Mass which is expected to attract 1,000 persons from various sections of the county.

The men are returning to St. Joseph's for their sixth annual feast rally on the invitation of the Rev. John J. Connelly, C.S.B., rector of St. Joseph's Church. The Holy Name Men of the Diocese of Rochester are a lay organization of men who are active in the Church and in the community.

Arrangements for the Mass are being supervised by the Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, secretary of the Holy Name Union and editor of the Catholic Center Journal.

Established in 1949 at St. Michael's Church, the Holy Name Society's observance of its annual feast with a Pontifical Mass has drawn thousands of men to St. Michael's, Cambridge Holy Name Union and St. Joseph's.

St. Andrew's Lay Fraternity with the Rev. Dr. Maynard Cornell, rector of St. Andrew's Seminary giving the consecration, will hold its Annual Day of Recollection on Sunday, December 22.

The day will begin with Holy Mass at 9:00 o'clock in the chapel of the new Seminary, Buffalo Road, after which a Communion Breakfast will be served, and the remainder of the day will be spent in prayer, conference, and spiritual reading.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 p.m. will conclude the Day of Recollection.

4 Nazareth Students At NFCCS Area Meet

Margaret McGrath, Ellen Flanagan, Leona Melanson and Peggy Schorr were representatives of Nazareth College at the Second Council meeting of the Lake Erie Region of NFCCS, held at Maryhurst College, Saturday, Dec. 1.

At this meeting the motto for the NFCCS, "Through You is the World," was announced. The Mariology Commission announced that it has inaugurated a paper called the "Maryana."

Midnight Services Listed in Pittsford

Midnight Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Louis Edelman, pastor in St. Louis Church, Pittsford, on Christmas Eve.

The choir will sing "Mass of the Shepherd" by Mass and Offertory - "Tollite Omnia" by Gounod. Mrs. Beverly Reed is organist.

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