

## Pope Stresses Need To Train Future Farmers

Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII stressed the need of preparing future farmers for their work, with spiritual and in the formation of their social views.

THE HOLY FATHER made his appeal in an address to 4,000 members of the Federation of Working Farmers, who had gathered in Rome for the first time after the war for the protection and advancement of small-scale agriculture. The members were received in audience in the Hall of Benedictions of St. Peter's.

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Both come easier to the farmer than to others, he said, because the man working the fields labors closer to God and knows that it is God alone who gives true increase of the fruits of labor — despite all modern technical progress.

## Publisher Praises Role Of Vatican

Dallas, Tex. — (RNS) — An Indiana newspaper publisher praised the Vatican's battle against Communism in an address here.

Eugene Pulliam, of Indianapolis, editor of the *Indianapolis Times*, said, "though I am the son of a Protestant minister, I can thank God we have a fighter in the Vatican."

Mr. Pulliam described a recent trip around the world in the course of which he visited Rome and had several audiences with Pope Pius XII.

## Hindu Minister Raps Birth Control

Alameda, India — (NC) — Moraji Deval, Home Minister of Bombay, said here that he opposed the adoption of the so-called scientific methods of family planning because they lead to moral degradation and ruin.

"You may call me a reactionary," the Hindu Minister said, "but I do not hesitate to declare that human progress lies through self-control and discipline. The so-called scientific methods are degrading human beings and we should beware of adopting them."

The Central Government is considering the establishment of birth control clinics throughout the country. One such clinic has already been opened in New Delhi, the national capital, by the All-India Women's Conference.

## Banker Returns To Church On Death Bed

Manila — (NC) — Don Vicente Carmona, president of the government-controlled Philippine National Bank and a nationally known, political and social figure, solemnly renounced freemasonry a few hours before he died here.

DON VICENTE made his renunciation before a Catholic priest and four witnesses. He was given the last Sacraments of the Church, and received a final blessing from Archbishop Gabriel M. Reyes of Manila, who was with him at the end.

Don Vicente was 73 years old and had served the Philippine government for 51 years. He was one of the most prominent members of the Masonic Order in the Philippines and was at one time grand master of the Manila Lodge and past grand treasurer.

HE SUFFERED a stroke during a board meeting of the bank and was rushed to the Lourdes hospital, where the family called a priest, Father Cavanna. He was buried in the Catholic cemetery at La Loma following a solemn funeral Mass at the chapel of the University of Santo Tomas.

## High School Where Atom Bomb Fell



Contributions from Americans will help build this Catholic high school near the site where U. S. B-29 Superfortresses dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan, Aug. 9, 1945. It will be built at the request of Bishop Paul Yamaguchi and will be administered by members of the Society of the Divine Word, whose American headquarters are at Tachy, Ill. (NC Photos).

## Polio Victim Weds Girl Whose Prayers And Courage Helped His Fight For Life

South Bend, Ind. — (NC) — A wedding in the chapel of St. Joseph's Hospital here has brought a happy climax to a saga of high courage and spiritual faith in the face of dark tragedy.

Stricken two and a half years ago with poliomyelitis that had brought him to death's door, John Francis Miles, Jr., rolled his wheelchair into the chapel to make Miss Betty Macke, of St. Joseph's, Mich., his bride.

THREE WEEKS of tears in the eyes of doctors, Sisters, nurses and patients as they watched the exchange of vows between the young couple.

For the bride and groom it was the triumphant ending to an ordeal that began just a week before the date originally set for their wedding — September 17, 1949. Jack was the director of the South Bend Tribune's St. Joseph (Mich.) bureau when he was stricken with the dread polio and brought to the hospital. Riding in the ambulance with him was the girl who was to prove his bright angel during the weary, often seemingly hopeless, struggle back to life.

JACK HAS often praised what he calls "the fighting heart" of his sprightly, happy bride. When he was stricken, she gave up her job in St. Joseph and moved into the Miles home so that she could visit her fiancé in the hospital every day. She was beside him through long hours of delirium when the paralytic moved up his legs, finally reaching his windpipe, where, almost miraculously, it stopped.

"While I was breathing what should have been my last," Jack afterwards related, "one of the Sisters brought me a relic of Father Moreau. The prayers of my family and my friends were answered—and here I am telling you the details."

AMONG JACK'S friends, Betty was the most valiant and constant. She went with him to the Warm Springs, Ga., Foundation, where he was given a long series of therapy treatments. She obtained a secretarial job at the foundation so she could be near him.

"The foundation did wonders for me," Jack recalled. "Of course, Betty was busy all day with her work and I was busy with my treatments. But it was wonderful when she came romping in every evening with her amazing, joyous spirit."

WHEN JACK first came to St. Joseph's, he had to be placed in the iron lung. Improvement was often disappointingly slow. But eventually he was weaned away from the respirator and was able to stand with the aid of leg and pelvic braces. Now he gets around in a wheel chair and is looking forward to an independent future.

Jack was named "Man of the Year" by the St. Joseph Valley Club in recognition of his courageous battle over polio. But he takes none of the credit for his comeback. As he puts it:

"MY FRIENDS, my parents and Betty gave me courage when things were blackest. God must have been close to me through those years. And don't forget those years. And don't forget the Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. There's a staunch and true friend you don't think about until you need it."

Jack and Betty prayed often in the little chapel at St. Joseph's during his journey along the comeback trail. Thanks to doctors and nurses, he was able to steer his chair into the chapel.

## Parish 'Joos' Assigned Task

Alamosa, Colo. — (NC) — All the "Joos" in Sacred Heart Parish here are participating in a highly exclusive drive so that the statue of St. Joseph in the church can be repainted.

The exclusive feature of the plan is that only those whose baptismal, middle or Confirmation name is Joseph or Josephine may contribute. All the "Joos" are being asked to give \$1 each to make the statue of their patron more beautiful and attractive.

frequently for Mass.

NOW, JACK AND Betty are ready to add a new chapter to the Miles story. Jack has what he says are "pretty encouraging feelings" out for work he can do in his wheel chair. Meanwhile, the smiling bridegroom disclosed plans for the honeymoon. Said this man of prayer and faith whose life once hung on a feeble thread:

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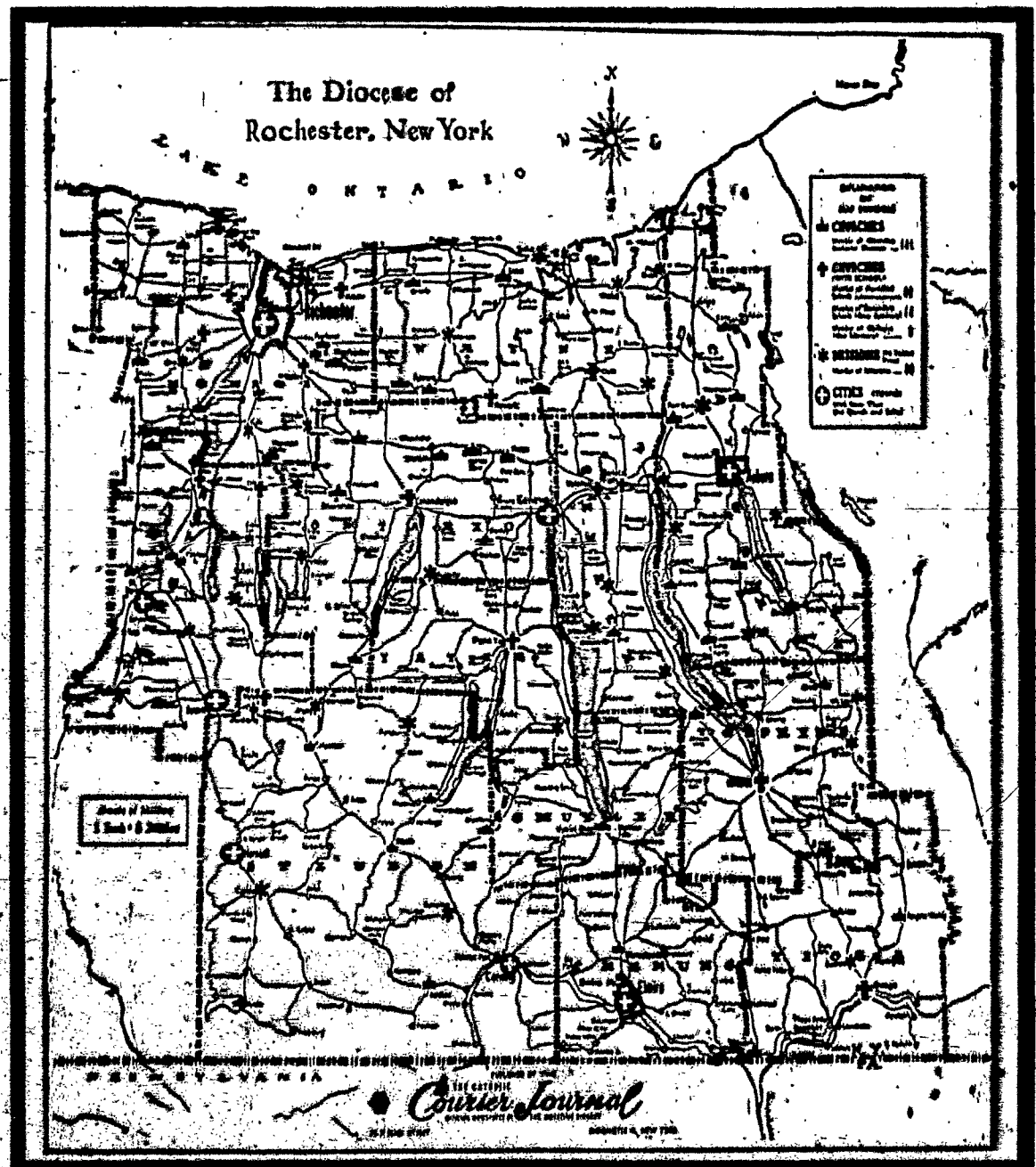
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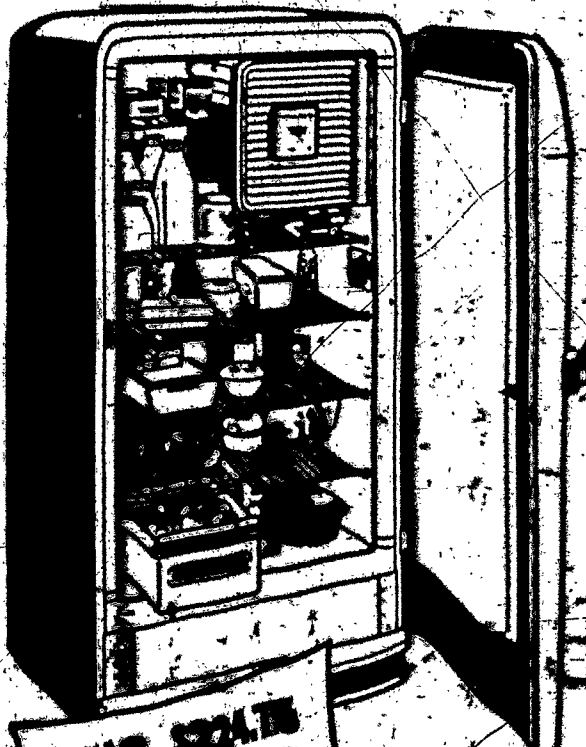
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## School Denied Right To Train Teachers

San Salvador — (NC) — Permission to set up a course in teaching at the Institute of the Most Holy Trinity at Sonsonate has been denied by the Ministry of Culture.

The ministry alleged that the training of teachers is the exclusive function of the State. Such training is given only in government schools in order to give a "unified ideology" to prospective teachers, the ministry said.

The Institute of the Most Holy Trinity is under Catholic direction and is situated in the western section of the country.

## Bishops In Romania Held In Slave Labor

London — (RNS) — Four members of the Catholic Hierarchy of Romania, including the country's Latin Rite Primate, are working as slave laborers in Soviet camps and six others have died in similar camps or in Communist prisons of Romania, the Vatican Radio reported.

THE TEN AND details of their fate were listed as:

Archbishop Alexander Cioba of Bucharest, Primate of Romania, forced labor on railway construction near Kirovograd, U. S. S. R.

Bishop Julius Hossau of Cluj, Byzantine Rite, forced labor in a coal mine at Nikolayev, U. S. S. R.

Bishop Alexander Rusu, of Maramaros, Byzantine Rite, forced labor in an aircraft factory at Ostperko, U. S. S. R.

BISHOP ANTHONY Durcovici of Jassi, Latin Rite, forced labor in the Dnepropetrovsk steel plant.

Bishop Valerian Trajan Freniu of Oradea, Marb and Bishop John Suciu, Apostolic Administrator of Faragas and Alba Giulia, both Byzantine Rite, and Bishop John Scheffler of Satu Mare, Latin Rite, died last November in forced labor camps in Russia.

Bishop John Balan of Lugoj, Byzantine Rite, beaten to death in the Communist prison at Vacaresti, Romania.