

### Spiritual Mobilization Group Award To Fr. Hogan

Waverly.—Spiritual Mobilization, a national organization dedicated to promoting a better understanding of the fundamental philosophy underlying our American rights and liberties, has announced that one of its annual awards has been presented to the Rev. G. Stuart Hogan, Pastor of St. James Church, Waverly.

Father Hogan received the award for his Independence Week sermon entitled, "Freedom under God". The award is made each year on Columbus Day.

THE AWARD consists of a Reward of Merit and \$100 in cash, one half of which goes to the church where the sermon was given.

On Columbus Day, Father Hogan received a telegram from James W. Efield, Jr., President of Spiritual Mobilization, which read: "Warmest Congratulations on your sermon, awarded Reward of Merit and \$100 in Spiritual Mobilization's nationwide sermon competition. Half of the award will go to your church in accordance with the terms of competition. Columbus Day announcement being made by Dr. Edgar J. Goodspeed and Dean Roscoe Pound."

Spiritual Mobilization has its headquarters in Los Angeles, Calif.

### Guam Schools Begin Released Time Classes

Majago, Guam.—(NC)—Released-time classes for students attending public schools have been inaugurated in Guam.

The first classes were held in Manila for Catholic students attending George Washington High School. The classes were conducted on property across the street from the high school, leased by the Church from Mrs. Vincente Rosario of Agaña. Two buildings are available for the religious instruction, one of which is used as a library and for office purposes.

THE CLASSES for the Catholic students will be conducted each Monday and Tuesday. A schedule of two classes of one hour each, presented to students with study material of the high school, during which planning of various grades are released for the instruction, has been put into effect. Twelve packets volunteered to conduct the classes.

Guam's released-time program is similar to the model New York State program, the validity of which recently was upheld by the United States Supreme Court.

THE PROGRAM was put into effect in accordance with a section of the constitution code adopted recently by the Guam Legislature.

Provisionary steps leading to the adoption of the program were taken out by Bishop Appellants' Commission, C.F.M. Co., and Guam's Governor Carlos Rios.

### GREET COLLEGE PRESIDENT



ASSUMPTION COLLEGE alumni in Rochester area held a reception for Very Rev. E. G. Le Bel, C.S.B., newly named president of the Windsor, Ont., Canada college of the Basilians in the Liberman Club, Monday. Father Le Bel is seated (right) with Henry Lally, club president. Standing (from left) are Arthur Samson, Jr., treasurer; Donald Benson, vice-president; and Robert Finewood, secretary.

### Pontiff Praises Third Order Catholic Action Program

Vatican City.—His Holiness Pope Pius XII has lauded the participation of the Franciscan Third Order in the work of Catholic Action.

The Pope voiced this praise in a letter issued in connection with the world-wide celebration planned by the Third Order to commemorate the Pontiff's golden jubilee as a Third Order member. The celebrations will be held October 24 to 26.

THE POPE'S letter was addressed to the four Franciscan Ministers General who have jurisdiction over the Third Order. They are the Most Revs. Augustin Sepinski, superior general of the Franciscans; Bede Hess, superior general of the Conventuals; Benigno of St. Hilary, superior general of the Capuchins; and John H. Bocella, superior general of the Third Order Regulars of St. Francis.

The Third Order Secular of St. Francis was founded by St. Francis of Assisi in 1221. It includes married as well as single men and women, who though living in the world wish to lead a more perfect Catholic life. The principal aim of the order is the sanctification of its members.

THE POPE'S letter stated that he entered "the great Franciscan family with greatest joy" 50 years ago "while we were still very young in the priesthood."

The Pope said that he understood from the beginning how suited the Third Order was "not

### Shakespeare Proven Catholic Scholars State

New York.—(NC)—Arguments that Shakespeare was a Catholic are offered in SHAKESPEARE AND CATHOLICISM by Heinrich Mutschmann and Karl Wendersdorf, to be published here by Sheed and Ward.

The authors, both specialists in the field of Shakespearean criticism, have collected and studied material scattered through many books and articles bearing on the religion of the poet.

THEIR STUDY includes evidence drawn from Shakespeare's personal background, together with the testimony afforded by his plays and poems. They have studied 137 separate passages in Shakespeare's works bearing on Catholic dogma, ideas, and customs.

A wide range of Catholic teaching is covered in these passages, including the doctrine of grace and reference to six of the seven Sacraments. Mention of the Sacrament of Penance, for instance, is so detailed as to include all of the five elements necessary for the making of a good confession.

OTHER MATTERS treated include the seven deadly sins, the practice of making a retreat, Catholic doctrine as to the burial of those who commit suicide, the existence of purgatory, prayer for the dead, the supplication of the saints, veneration of relics (strictly forbidden in England at the time), and use of the rosary and the Sign of the Cross.

In Shakespeare's personal life, the authors say, a most noteworthy piece of evidence pointing towards his Catholicism is the amount of trouble he went to be married in the presence of a priest. They conclude that although the poet lived at a time when Catholics were persecuted, he was and remained a Catholic throughout his life. "In our opinion," they say, "the results of modern research confirm this deduction beyond any reasonable doubt."

Action Congress Córdoba, Argentina.—(NC)—About 10,000 participants gathered here for the eighth national assembly of Catholic Action Young Men at which His Eminence Antonio Cardinal Caggiano, Bishop of Rosario, presided.

The Pope declared that the evils of today as well as those of the Middle Ages have "only one remedy: return to Christ." The Pope pledged his prayers that the Third Order may increase greatly and produce much salutary fruit.

Job Agency Bombay, India.—(NC)—An employment exchange started under the auspices of Archbishop Valerian Gracian of Bombay has achieved 855 jobs for applicants in its first year of operation.

### Bishop To Bless Babies In Annual Elmira Rite

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will officiate at the Eighth Annual Baby Day Ceremony, sponsored by Our Lady of Good Counsel Committee of Elmira Ladies of Charity.

The ceremony will take place on Sunday, Oct. 19, at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, beginning at 3:30 p. m.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE being made by members of the committee with Mrs. George V. Carr Jr. as chairman assisted by Messrs. Charles Stevens, Albert L. Stabel, John M. Wipfler, John O'Leary, Charles W. Backes, Uri S. French, Leo Garret, Francis Crowley, Eugene Murphy, Joseph P. Milliken, John J. Murphy, J. P. Harrison, C. H. Hunsinger, John F. Murphy and the Misses Mary E. FitzGerald, Loretto Bolton, Frances Egger and Elizabeth Davis.

A general invitation is extended to parents of all new-born babies and pre-school children, to attend. It is the desire of Bishop Kearney and of members of the committee, the latter said, that all should be welcomed into the Bishop's flock through this special Blessing.



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