

### Improvements Reported On Cathedral Property

Progress on the new convent, parish improvements made and being made were reported in Sacred Heart Cathedral parish by His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey, rector, in the parish bulletin distributed Sunday.

Work on the three-story convent being erected for the Sisters of St. Joseph teaching in the Cathedral school, although somewhat delayed, will have the three stories and roof finished before cold weather begins. It is estimated the Sisters will be able to move into their new home, next Spring.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS in the church were reported. New oak panels were installed to give a decorative effect to the rear wall of the Sanctuary. Other installations include additional loudspeakers, new equipment in the organ loft and a portable aluminum scaffold to replace light iron fixtures.

The Episcopal chancel and the pulpit were re-carpeted. The bulletin said that on Jan. 1, the church owed a balance of \$8,375 on the reconstruction of

the organ of which \$7,375 has been paid.

Improvements in the school building include painting and decorating of the main hall, installation of new lighting fixtures and affixing of a plastic board chair rail around the hall.

Nineteen defective stone ledges in the old section of the school were replaced. Seventy-five additional school desks were bought.

A NEW PLAYGROUND for small children of the school is about ready for operation. The land was graded, covered with asphalt surface, and surrounded by a high wire fence. Swings, a slide, a jungle gym and a merry-go-round are being installed.

In the Rectory, the reception rooms, serving the public were painted and new drapes and furniture were obtained for those rooms.

Current improvements include the widening of Flower City Park, the entire length of the church property. When finished, the space between the sidewalk and the new curb in front of the Cathedral, in front of the school and, if feasible, on the Primrose St. side of the church will be covered with cement.

All of the exterior stone work of the Cathedral is being examined and, where necessary, is being repointed. "This can be an expensive project because much of the stonework is in bad shape," the bulletin said. "Next Summer, the parking station and the area behind the school leading to the Raines Park entrance will be graded to sidewalk level, drains and sewers dug and the whole section covered with an asphalt surface. This will be a costly but highly necessary project," the report said. "Due to the convent construction, it was not practical to go ahead with this work this summer."

Notwithstanding Parents To Hear New Principal The Rev. Charles E. Connell, chaplain and Sister Agnes Cecilia, newly named principal, will address members of the Nazareth Academy Parent Teachers' association meeting Wednesday, Sept. 23 at the Academy.

### Speaker



REV. FREDERICK GEHRING

### Aquinas Men's Club To Hear 'Guadacanal Padre'

Rev. Frederick P. Gehring, C.M., the "Padre of Guadacanal" will address the inaugural meeting of the Aquinas Men's Club at the Dewey Avenue Auditorium, Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 8:15.

Exploits of Father Gehring with the First Marine Division attached to the Naval establishment on the war torn island of Guadacanal were being recalled this week. He covered the entire island when many thought that Guadacanal was to become another Bataan.

He was the first chaplain to receive the Legion of Merit Medal from the President of the United States, and also the presidential Unit Citation for making three distinct and hazardous trips into the enemy line to rescue twenty-eight missionaries.

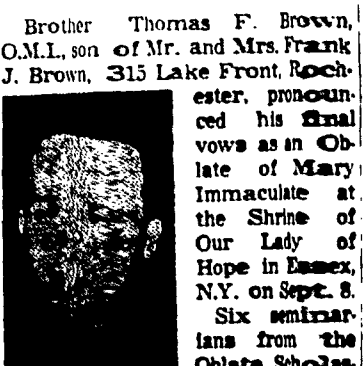
It was while on Guadacanal that Father Gehring met Barney Ross, the little Jewish prizefighter who had been awarded the Silver Star for his heroism in rescuing two of his wounded comrades while under fire. It was Barney who played the organ for the boys gathered in Father Gehring's tent for Christmas Midnight Mass.

### 1484 Register At Aquinas

A total of 1484 boys enrolled at Aquinas Institute on the opening day of school according to the Rev. John H. O'Loane, C.S.B., principal. Class totals are as follows: seniors, 299; Juniors, 381; sophomores, 402 and freshmen, 402.

Rev. Frank Sheahan, C.S.B., the newly appointed moderator of the Aquinas Men's Club, invites all members to attend this initial meeting. Besides Father Gehring's address, the 1953 Football Team will be presented and election of officers for the coming year will be held.

### Local Veteran Takes Vows As Oblate Brother



Bro. Brown

Brother Thomas F. Brown, O.M.L., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Brown, 315 Lake Front, Rochester, entered the Society of the Most Holy Sacraments and took his final vows as an Oblate of Mary Immaculate at the Shrine of Our Lady of Hope in Essex, N.Y. on Sept. 8.

Six seminarians from the Oblate Scholasticate, Washington, D. C., were members of the Perpetual Oblation class who took the final vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and perseverance and were invested with the Oblate Cross, symbol of their missionary vocation, and the white sash of the Immaculate Conception.

BROTHER BROWN, a graduate of St. Thomas School and Aquinas Institute, served in the Merchant Marine during World War II. He began his studies for the priesthood at the Oblate Preparatory Seminary, Newburgh, and pronounced his first vows as an Oblate three years ago at Immaculate Heart of Mary Novitiate, Ipswich, Mass.

His eldest brother, the Rev. Bernard Brown, O.M.L., also an Aquinas alumnus, is an Oblate missionary in the Vicariate Apostolic of the Mackenzie, Canadian North West Territory.

### Requiem Offered For J. P. Burke

Solemn funeral services for James P. Burke, oldest member of the mason's union in Western New York and father of James L. Burke, president of Central Trades and Labor Council, were held on Friday, Sept. 11.

Mr. Burke died Sept. 8, 1953 at the age of 88. He made his home at 870 Seward St.

Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered in St. Monica's Church following services in the D. Bernard O'Brien Funeral Home, 297 Thurston Road.

Celebrant of the Mass was the Very Rev. Magr. Gerald C. Lambert assisted by the Rev. John J. Truany, deacon and the Rev. William F. White, subdeacon. Also in the sanctuary were the Rev. Leo A. Smith and the Rev. Arthur E. Ralston.

Brothers, all grandsons, were Thomas, Edward, Richard, James and Patrick Burke and Richard Scott.

A native of County Glway, Ireland, Mr. Burke came to America with his parents as a boy and moved briefly in Canton, Ohio before coming to Rochester. He was a member of St. Monica's Holy Name Society, the Masons and had been a member of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plumbers Union, Local 21, for 37 years.

During his long years, many business aspects of his town's history, he survived by six other sons, Mrs. Thomas, Frederick, Lawrence, Paul and Joseph; a daughter, Mrs. William Peter; 2 grandsons, Mrs. William Peter and George Martin; and 21 granddaughters, all of Rochester.

Funeral services were held by Magr. Lambert.

### Curry - Ted Wedding Planned In October

An Oct. 23rd, Edward J. Tedd announced the engagement of Corinne, the daughter of George, the daughter of George H. Curry, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Curry, of Tonawanda.

Mr. Tedd is graduated from Central High School and the University of Michigan. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. He is also a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

### Danford Guild Meets Sept. 28

First fall meeting of the Margaret Danford Guild will be held Monday, Sept. 28, at the home of Mrs. Frank McMillan, 4 Lake Crescent Drive, Forest Hills, at 8 p.m.

Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. George Spillane, Mrs. Joseph Broderick, Mrs. George Wigg, Mrs. Raymond Whitley and Mrs. James Casey.

Plans will be made for a rummage sale which will be held Oct. 13 and 14, Mrs. Martin Roessel will be chairman.

### Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

- Friday, Sept. 18 - Holy Redeemer, Rochester; St. Mary, Danville; Union Springs.
- Sunday, Sept. 20 - Shortsville; Groton; Owego; St. Casimir, Elmira; Honeyoye.
- Friday, Sept. 25 - St. Michael, Rochester.

### St. John Fisher College Opens With 350 Enrolled

St. John Fisher College, Catholic College of Arts and Sciences under the direction of the Basilian Fathers began its third year of existence, this week, with classes on the freshman, sophomore and junior levels.

Mass for the entire student body and staff of the College will be celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 9 a.m.

Freshman orientation took place on Sept. 14; Sophomore Registration on Sept. 16 and Junior Registration, Sept. 17. Lectures begin today, Friday, Sept. 18.

AN ENROLLMENT of approximately 350 students, 35 of whom are veterans under the GI Bill, was anticipated.

Courses in the day sessions lead to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Business Administration. Preparatory courses are offered for pre-medical, pre-dental, pre-engineering and pre-law work.

All students upon completing registration procedure are assigned

ed a Counselor, a member of the staff, for the year. At a general assembly on Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m., students were addressed by:

The Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., P.H.D., President; The Rev. John P. O'Meara, C.S.B., P.H.D., Dean; Miss Cathryn Zeld Lyons, M.A., Registrar and The Rev. Robert H. Flood, C.S.B., M.S., in L.S., Librarian.

Officers of the Board of Governors will at this time give the first introduction to collegiate activities to all new students.

Named Health Aid Bernard Kinella has been named chairman of the Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County by Harry B. Crowley, President. Mr. Kinella succeeds E. James Hickey who served as chairman last year.

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