

VETERANS PLAN PARTY



MAKING PLANS for the annual Christmas Party of St. Anthony's Post 1144, Catholic War Veterans, Elmira, are: seated (from left) Atty. Nicholas P. Alletto and Salvatore N. Maffee, and standing (from left) Anthony (Larmoli) and Joseph F. Marino. Affair will be Monday.

St. Anthony's War Veterans Invite Parish Men To Party

Members of St. Anthony's Post 1144, Catholic War Veterans, Elmira, will hold their annual Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Annex.

All veterans and other men of the parish are invited and may bring guests.

A PROGRAM of games and refreshments will be available. Salvatore N. Maffee is general chairman and will be assisted by Attorney Nicholas J. D'Ambrosio, Anthony Carmoli, Joseph F. Marino and Francis Antuzzi. Rev. William A. Burns, pastor, and Rev. Nicholas P. Alletto, chaplain of the group, will be guests of honor.

Life's Mystery
One of the mysteries of life to a school-age youngster will always be why he has to go to bed when he isn't sleepy and get up when he is.

Rochester Priest Operates Mobile 'Movie House' On African Gold Coast

By JEAN GARYLAN

Accra, Gold Coast, Africa — (NC) The enthusiasm the American circus generates among its devotees has nothing on the thrill Gold Coast villagers get from the "cinema."

Many a U.S. youngster, rises early to see the circus train pull into town and hurries from the schoolroom in the afternoon to watch the circus parade. In the United States the cry is "Here comes the circus!" In the Gold Coast it is "Here comes the cinema!"

The arrival of the dark red van of the Catholic mission mobile movie sets off noisy rejoicing. As the mobile unit moves into town there is no official parade, but hundreds of wildly waving villagers escort it to an open field where the films will be shown.

AN EVENING'S program consists of a potpourri of films ranging from those of religious interest to shorts on cowboys crooning western tunes. An unofficial poll of the villagers puts films of a circus complete with clowns and high-wire performers and a newsreel of American football games on top of the most-liked list.

The mobile cinema, operated by Father Charles G. Erb of the Divine Word missionary of Rochester, N. Y., makes its circuit of the Accra diocese complete with all necessary equipment. A portable generator develops electricity to power the projector, which is placed on a table in the center of the field. Pictures are flashed to a makeshift wall set up on the edge of the field. While most of the audience squats on the ground to watch, the elders and chiefs are provided with chairs.

The current film on religion shows the consecration of Bishop Joseph O. Bowers, S.V.D., of Accra in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, last spring. The Gold Coasters are greatly impressed with the dignity of the ceremony and the honor paid to the 43-year-old prelate, the second of Negro blood to be consecrated in the United States. They enjoy, too, the parade before the village, consecration ceremonies. Their mission schools have bands so they know what a band is and like to watch the American counterpart.

A VILLAGE catechist gives a running commentary on the films in the native language or, when the movie is "silent," he translates the remarks of Father Erb. The enthusiasm for the mobile movies reached a peak recently when the people of the village of Battor cleared a road out of the jungle so the unit could get in. The five-mile stretch also makes the new mission set up at Battor more accessible to the Divine Word priests, who formerly reached the village by river launch.

When the cinema motors to a village for the first time or on a special occasion, Father Erb announces the event over a loud-speaker before the show. It is, perhaps, superfluous to say that, besides entertainment, the mobile cinema serves as a wedge in bringing the Church and Catholic teaching to people who might never allow a missionary to approach them.



With films collected on a visit to his native Rochester four years ago, Father Charles Erb, Divine Word missionary, is operating a highly popular mobile movie unit among natives of the African Gold Coast. Photo here shows Father Erb during his last visit home examining film strip with Joseph Desbordes, Gold Coast Catholic who accompanied him.

St. Bonaventure U. Given Chemical Research Grant

St. Bonaventure, N. Y. — St. Bonaventure University's Department of Biology has received a grant for a research project designed to determine how bacteria become resistant to various bactericides.

The grant is from the Bradford Chemical Co., Inc. of Bradford, Pa., and will be known as the Bradford Chemical Research Grant. It is hoped that the research will lead to information that will make it possible to prevent the development of organisms that have become resistant to a bactericide or bactericides. In addition, it is planned to investigate means by which organisms that have become resistant to a bactericide can easily be eliminated.

Besides providing general information concerning the development of resistance in bacteria, the research will be practical in that it will deal with bacteria that causes difficulties in food operations in the Bradford oil fields. The use of bactericides to destroy bacteria that may clog the sand pores in oil flooding operations has become very common.

Previous research carried out at St. Bonaventure University has shown that certain bacteria, especially a green pigment-forming organism (pseudomonas), often become resistant to the bactericides used to destroy them. The resistance development is similar to that of flies and DDT and the resistance of disease-producing organisms to sulphur drugs.

The project at St. Bonaventure will be under the direction of Dr. Kenneth E. Anderson, chairman of the Department of Biology, and will be carried out by Frank Yaskovich, a doctoral candidate in the department.

Religion Teachers
Philadelphia — (NC) — A meeting to form a national organization of college teachers of religion was held at LaSalle College here. Catholic colleges and universities from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia were represented at the meeting.

St. Monica's Men To Place Wreaths On Pastors' Graves

In memory of the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Brophy and the late William F. Bergan, former pastors, members of the Holy Name Society of St. Monica's Parish will place wreaths on their graves Sunday, Dec. 20 according to President Richard Weider.

MEN OF THE parish will meet at the church parking lot at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday and go to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery where the Rev. Michael P. O'Brien, spiritual director, will lead the prayers for the repose of the souls of Monsignor Brophy and Monsignor Bergan. The Holy Name Society held a Christmas Party on Monday, Dec. 14 at which Christmas carols were sung by Tom Coleman, Dick Hussey and Tom Fleming with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Hugh Dodge. The singers were presented by Ed Brown as master of ceremonies who also led in group singing. An appropriate lunch was served.

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Power of Prayer To Mary Cited By HNS Speaker

Mornell—The power of prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary was emphasized by Atty. Eugene R. Cusker of Rochester in his address to the Holy Name Society of St. Ann's Church at a Communion breakfast Sunday.

At the breakfast in the Knights of Columbus clubrooms were 63 members of the society. They attended 8 a.m. Mass in St. Ann's and received Holy Communion, prior to the breakfast.

"President Eisenhower's plea for pooling of atomic information for world benefit, rather than destruction, was made on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin," Cusker said. He termed it an "impressive coincidence."

CUSKER ADDED that World War II ended on another feast day of the Blessed Virgin—the Feast of the Assumption, Aug. 15, 1945. He reminded the group of the Blessed Virgin's promises at Fatima—that peace would return to the world if the world would return to Christ.

"We know we have a powerful advocate in the Mother of God," Cusker said. "Through her intercession and through devotion to her Immaculate Heart, we may avert the calamities which are a just punishment for Godless living."

He urged reception of Holy Communion on the First Saturday of each month, recitation of the Rosary, practice of the virtues of patience and charity and frequent attendance at Mass for the intention of world peace.

Grace before and after breakfast was given by the Rev. Leo Mier, assistant pastor of St. Ann's, spiritual director of the Holy Name Society.

John Murphy, president, was toastmaster. He introduced Francis Spellery, George Hammond, Leo Harkins and George Hussey, officers of the society.

Women List Fete At St. Alphonsus

Albans — The Immaculate Heart of Mary and Rosary Society of St. Alphonsus Church will celebrate its annual Christmas party following the monthly meeting in the school on Monday evening, Dec. 21. Twenty-five cent gifts will be exchanged, and refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Gertrude Wallace is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Lawrence Salzer, co-chairman and Mrs. Laura Murphy, Miss Elizabeth Baker, Mrs. Frank Jenner, Mrs. Leonard Koenen, Mrs. John Laird, Mrs. Edward Vanderloo, Mrs. Mary Gill, Mrs. John Hulbert, Mrs. Fred Edmonds, Mrs. Sara Maywalt, Mrs. Anna Strong, Mrs. Carl Anton, Mrs. Frank Steigerwald, Mrs. Louise Berry, Mrs. Raymond Lewis and Miss Grace Reider.

Americans Landed On Feeding Europe

London, N. Y. — (NC) — United States and Canadian aid to starving peoples of the world has been one of the biggest factors in the fight against Communism in Europe, according to Senator Silvio Fournier of Montreal, youngest member of the Canadian Parliament.

Speaking at the annual banquet of the auxiliary of the St. Jean Baptiste Association here, Senator Fournier said the generosity of the North American has gone far in alleviating the danger of millions of undernourished Europeans from falling victim to Communist propaganda.

It is for this reason, he stated, that the United States and Canada have been so successful in their fight against Communism.

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