

Scholarship Fund Open To All Students

Chicago — (NC) — The newly established \$20,500,000 scholarship program will be open on an equal basis to students in all U.S. secondary schools, both public and private, with the winners allowed free rein in choosing their college or university.

Laird Bell, chairman of the new National Merit Scholarship Corp., said that Catholic high school students are eligible for scholarship aid, and may use corporation funds to attend accredited Catholic colleges.

DESIGNED TO enable young men and women of high aptitude to go to college regardless of their financial means, the new program is being supported chiefly by the Ford Foundation. With about 350 scholarships to be awarded beginning in the fall of 1956, eligibility will be based on scholarship and two screening aptitude tests — the first to be given at the individual schools on October 26.

The new corporation will direct the largest independent college scholarship program in the history of American education. Between one-third and one-half of all funds invested in the program will go directly to colleges and universities selected by award winners.

THE FORD Foundation has put up \$10,000,000 to be used for four-year scholarships for talented students and for payments to the colleges they attend at the rate of \$1,000,000 a year for ten years, with an additional \$8,000,000 set aside to match contributions from corporations and other donors.

An additional \$2,500,000 has been given by the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corp. of New York to pay for administrative costs — including salaries and funds needed to develop the nationwide selection program.

First Nun Named To Surgeons College

Philadelphia — (RNS) — A Catholic Medical Mission Sister is the first nun and one of the few women to become a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons.

Sister M. Benedict Young, M.D., of Philadelphia and Daoca, East Pakistan, will carry the distinction — one of the highest in medicine with the same efficiency that she fits the unique role of nun, surgeon and builder as administrator of a large general hospital.

During the 20th annual congress of the College of Surgeons here, Sister Benedict was the only woman to stand at a formal convocation with more than 700 male surgeons from all parts of the world and receive the honorary degree of fellow.

SHE ALSO PRESENTED a paper before the congress on "Operating Experiences in the Far East." Some of these experiences, as well as her life in general, have been extraordinary.

As a missionary for seven years in East Pakistan, she has driven a pickup truck long distances in primitive country; and operated with simple facilities and sometimes makeshift conditions — at times in an atmosphere of superstition and resentment toward surgery among backward masses of people.

While performing some 5,000 operations in the past five years, most of them at a hospital of the order of Mymensingh, Sister Benedict somehow found the time to direct the building of the new hospital in the larger city of Daoca, 78 miles away.

Three years ago, all that she and her associates had was the idea. They lacked the money and even the necessary approval of the Pakistan government. By stressing that there was only one hospital bed for every 22,000 persons in Daoca, she obtained a suitable land site and \$100,000 from the government.

THE FORD Foundation and the U.S. Children's Fund made sizable grants, and Sister Benedict also persuaded several



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foreign jute and tea companies in 1935, after which she took religious training at the Medical Mission Motherhouse here. She received an M.D. degree from the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1946, and took her internship and graduate work in surgery at Misericordia Hospital here.

Girls' College Given Scholarship Fund — Miss Slavina's will provides that the principal will be kept intact and income used to provide graduate scholarships to aid teachers within St. Mary's College in acquiring higher education.

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — Notification of a \$36,000 bequest to St. Mary's College here has been received by Sister M. Madeline, college president. It is the gift of Anna Slavina, deceased alumna of Woodstock, Ill.

Dioceses Give Funds For Flood Relief

Hartford, Conn. — (NC) — Nearly \$200,000 has been realized from special collections taken up in the churches of Connecticut's three dioceses for the benefit of flood victims.

The special one-day collections were ordered by Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford, Bishop Lawrence J. Shehan of Bridgeport and Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan of Norwich, following the recent disastrous floods which devastated large areas in Connecticut.

In the Archdiocese of Hartford, where most of the flood damage was concentrated, the collection totaled \$120,101.96; in the Diocese of Bridgeport \$32,312.56 was contributed; and in the Diocese of Norwich contributions came to \$20,000. The total in the three sees was \$172,414.46.

The money was turned over to the disaster relief fund of the American Red Cross, by the three prelates. At a brief presentation ceremony at the episcopal residence here, Archbishop O'Brien turned over a check for \$111,830 to Edward J. Gully, director of Red Cross disaster operations in Connecticut. The Archbishop said that an additional \$82,714.96 had been sent directly to local Red Cross chapters by individual parishes.

Montreal Auxiliary Named By Pope

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII has named Msgr. Laurence Morin, vicar general of the Montreal archdiocese, Titular Bishop of Arsamosata and Auxiliary to Paul-Ernie Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal.

Bishop-elect Morin was born in 1908 and ordained a priest in 1934.

CARDINAL GREET'S CENTENARIAN



New York — Mrs. Catherine McParian, founder and administrator of the House of Calvary, Bronx, N.Y., cuts her 100th birthday cake with the help of Cardinal Spellman. Looking on is Sister Mary Grace. The 100-year-old widow has devoted the past 60 years of her life to caring for incurable and indigent cancer victims of the New York archdiocese. She is the last survivor of the original 12 women of Calvary, a group of widows formed in 1895 to care for poor cancer victims. Mrs. McParian established the House of Calvary here in 1915. Since then it has cared for more than 15,000 cancer-stricken patients of all races and creeds. (RNS Photo)

U. S. Church Building At High Peak

Washington — (NC) — Church building in August was at an all time high for the month, while private school construction, up seasonally from July, declined from record-breaking 1954 levels. During August \$69,000,000 were spent on church construction, an increase of 23 per cent over August of last year, according to statistics released here by the Departments of Commerce and Labor. Expenditures for church building during the first eight months of 1955 amounted to \$470,000,000, a rise of 31 per cent above the January-August expenditures in 1954.

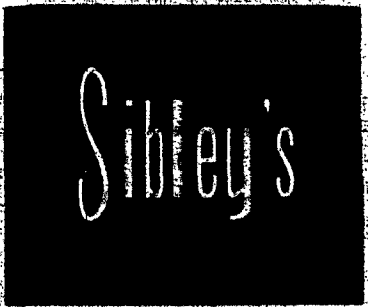
Private school construction costs in August totaled \$13,000,000, compared with \$50,000,000 in August, 1954. This year's January-August total was \$322,000,000, a decline of four per cent from the \$337,000,000 spent during the first eight months of 1954. Public school building set a new record for August, with construction costs amounting to \$230,000,000. This was an 18 per cent rise above the August, 1954, total of \$195,000,000.

Alhambra Order Names Chaplain

Buffalo, N. Y. — (NC) — Father James V. Ennis of Buffalo has been appointed supreme chaplain of the International Order of the Alhambra, an organization of third-degree members of the Knights of Columbus. Appointment of Father Ennis, who is pastor of St. Vincent's Church in nearby North Evans, was announced by Supreme Commander Harry J. Brogan of Buffalo.

More Vatican Archives May Open To Scholars

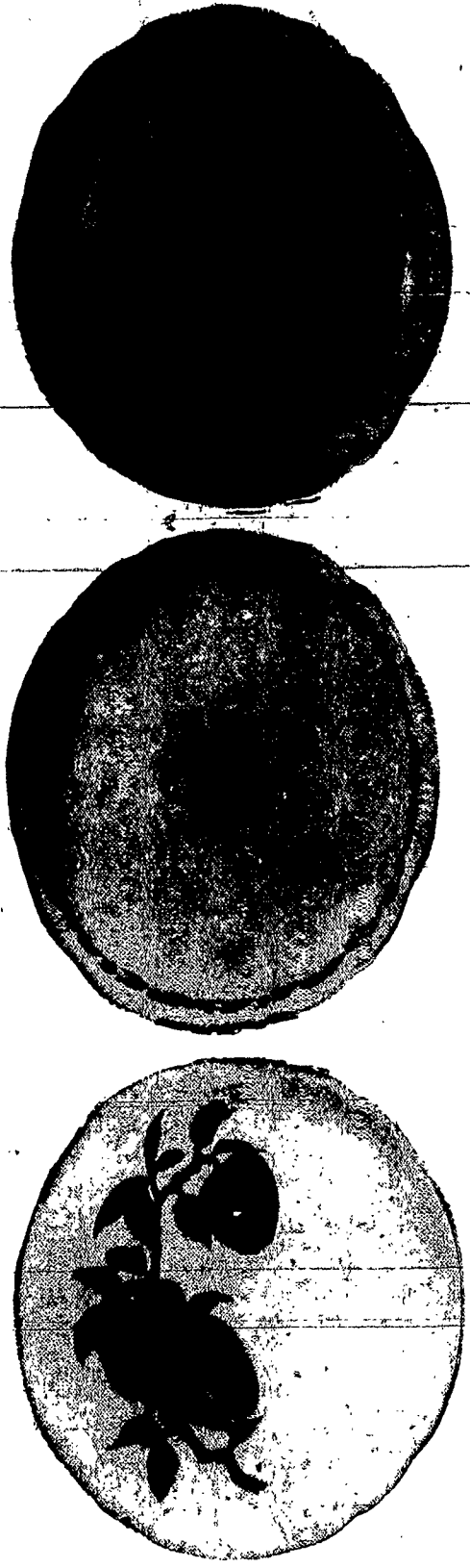
Vatican City — Pope Pius XII has announced that plans are under consideration to make more of the Vatican's secret archives available to scholars for research. This would mean giving researchers access to material beyond the period up to 1846, which was specified by Pope Leo XIII when he opened the Vatican archives to scholars in his decree of 1880. At the same time, he voiced the hope that historians searching for the truth will be guided by impartiality and will not permit themselves to be influenced by subjective considerations.



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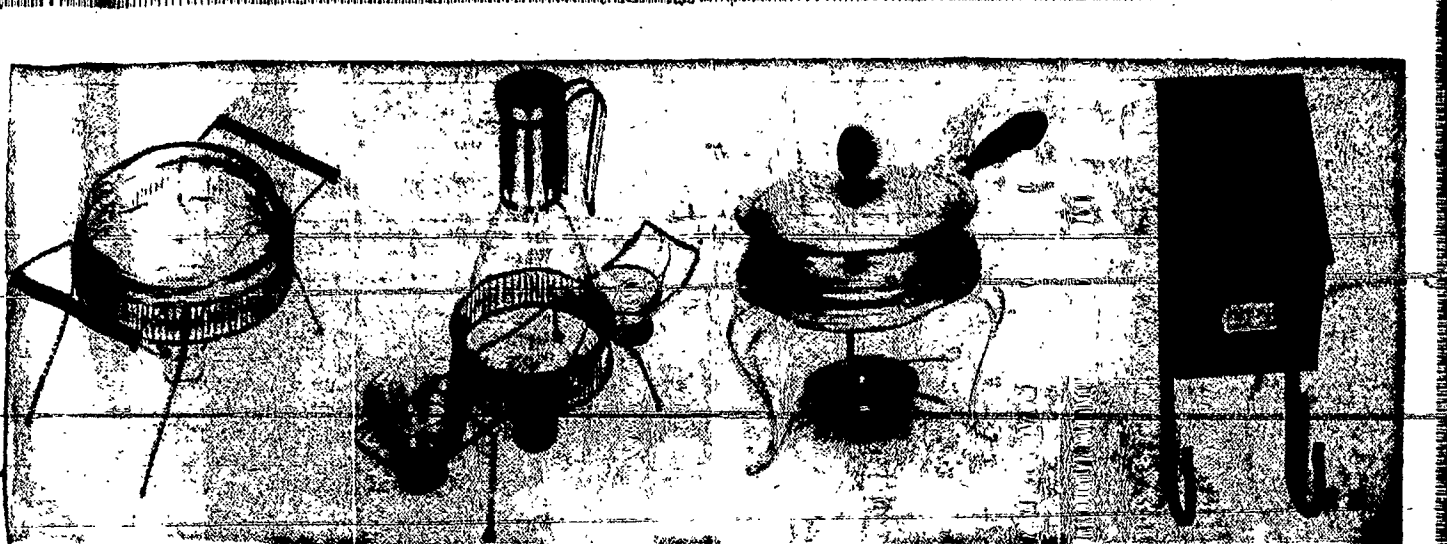
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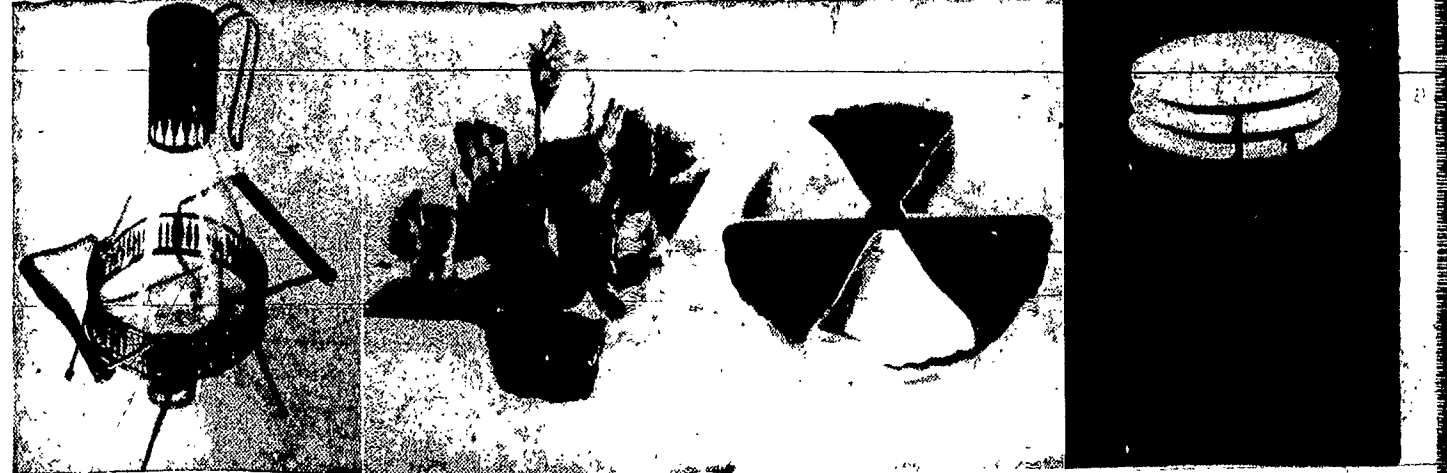


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