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College Gets Loan
Washington — (NC) — Loreto Heights College in Denver, Colorado, has received a loan of \$1,125,000 from the Community Facilities Administration of the U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency. Conducted by the Sisters of Loreto, the college will use the money to build housing and dining facilities.

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Hungarians Slate Observance Of Angelus Jubilee

Hungarian-Americans of Rochester will join with their fellow-Hungarians throughout the world in observing the 500th anniversary of the Angelus by assisting at High Mass in St. Patrick Church, Plymouth Ave. North at Brown St., Rochester on Sunday, Aug. 19 at 11 a.m. Eulogy of St. Stephen, Apostle King of Hungary, will be preached by the Very Rev. Dr. Joseph Batori, Delegate General of the Florist Order in America according to the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, pastor of St. Patrick's.

After the Mass, a special jubilee program consisting of hymns, speeches, instrumental music and choral offerings will be conducted in the church hall.

A TRADITIONAL Hungarian dinner will be followed by an informal afternoon of Hungarian Folk Songs. Reservations for the dinner are being made with Mrs. Julius Jantsch, Hubbard 6332.

The anniversary marks a victory for Christ in 1456 in which 40,000 Hungarians and 20,000

Eastman School Of Music Attracts Priest-Escapee From Red Hungary

By PAUL CONTSTABLE

"Open up. It's the police!" Memories of these words are still vivid in the mind of Father Benignus, O.S.B., a Benedictine priest from Hungary who has just completed a course at the Eastman School of Music.

Fame of the Rochester school together with his own interest in music brought Father Benignus here to attend summer sessions in musicology. He is working toward his doctorate degree in the music department of New York University Graduate School.

view of more than one-fourth of the country. The archbishop is still active, Father Benignus said, but only as a home for aged priests. The Communists also allow the monks to maintain a boarding school for 2000 boys there, but this, too, is supervised by the Reds.

More than 50 Catholic schools existed in Hungary a few years ago, but today there are only four, Father Benignus said, that the Communists have allowed these four schools to remain only so they might say that the country is free.

"Many priests are still in jail in Hungary," the exiled priest



FATHER BENIGNUS

A note of sorrow was evident in his voice as he told how he was awakened by the Communist police in April 1949. Father Benignus and nine other Benedictines occupied a monastery and school near the Hungarian-Czechoslovakian border.

FEAR FILLED the hearts of the monks as the 23 Communist police conducted a thorough search which lasted nearly two hours. "We were not afraid that they might find something," Father Benignus remarked, "but we were afraid because we knew the search was merely a step toward something bigger."

A short time later Father Benignus and another Benedictine volunteered for missionary work in the Canadian wilds and were successful in obtaining passports from Czechoslovakia.

Two weeks later while awaiting passage in Rome, Father Benignus learned that the monastery had been confiscated. Two of the remaining monks were imprisoned and the other six were taken at night to an unknown destination.

Father Benignus marveled as he described the Benedictine Archabbey of Pannonhalma or Martinsberg. Located high on a mountain top, a gift of St. Stephen, former king of Hungary, the monastery has a clear

added with a note of sadness. "Most of them live as laymen, working in factories to maintain a living. Some still are able to say Mass secretly."

He also told how Cardinal Mindszenty was invited by the Reds to leave the country. Cardinal Mindszenty, knowing of all the other priests still imprisoned, answered, "I will be the last to leave."

Father Benignus will leave shortly for California where he and six other Hungarian Benedictines will found a high school mountain top, a gift of St. Stephen, former king of Hungary, the monastery has a clear

Fr. McCormack Writes From Red China Jail

Still an American prisoner in Red China, the Rev. Joseph P. McCormack, M.M., has written a letter to relatives in this country, including his brother, Edward of 416 East Main St., Palmyra, dated May 28, 1956 and received this week.

Father McCormack said by the time the letter was received he will have less than two years to serve. "It was for five years," he wrote, "from June 15, 1953 to June 15, 1958. I was informed about the definite sentence only last October, so I could not have told you much of this anyway. Then I wanted three years to have passed before I told you. "There is good hope that the Government will show me some more leniency and shorten my sentence somewhat. In the meantime, we will remember one another in our prayers and be reconciled to God's Holy Will. Keep up your courage and take care of your health for I look forward to the pleasure of seeing you all once again.



"As you worry about me, I worry about you constantly. I feel that worry about me impaired the health of Willie and Charlie. It seems that such mutual worry cannot be avoided in our family. Few families have kept so close to one another in thought and affection as we have."

"It may seem foolish to some that we have always worried so much about one another, but for all that I am glad that we have been such a family and my heart is full of gratitude to everyone of you for your devoted interest in all that concerns me. I thank you and all Maryknollers and all my friends especially for the prayers you all offer to God for me."

About the snapshot with this story he said that it was taken on a trip. "Due to the circumstances under which we live, we dressed as you see us, but believe me we are all long for the day when we will again dress as we used to."

Father McCormack is one of the Americans held in Red China for whom the Rev. Harold Rigney, Divine Word Missionary launched a "Freedom Crusade." The Crusade aims to remind Chairman Mao Tse-tung of his promise of September, 1955 to release all American prisoners in China.

Petitions, thousands of which have already been sent from all over the country, should be addressed: Chairman Mao Tse-tung, Peking, China and there is no necessity for a return address.

BEHIND THE RAINBOO contain this photo taken of prisoners held in Red China includes the Rev. Joseph P. McCormack, M.M., whose brother resides in Palmyra. Father McCormack is the one with the light colored cap and jacket, second from right.

Mrs. Jennie Kohut was elected president, with Walter Hryunak, vice president; John Sorokti, Jr., secretary and Miss Mary Hryzak, treasurer. Rev. Nicholas Wolenski, pastor, is spiritual director of the local group.

PLANS WERE completed for the UCYL picnic scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 12 at Stony Brook State Park. Games and refreshments are being planned. Future activities include a pilgrimage, bowling party, Communion breakfast and membership drive.

Special guests at the election meeting were the Rev. Walter Paska, director of the Ukrainian Catholic Diocesan Camp for Boys, located at Stratford, N. Y. Plans are in the making for sponsorship of some deserving youths to be sent to the diocesan camp for boys in Stratford, next summer.

THE UKRAINIAN Catholic Youth League is "a democratic organization of Ukrainian Catholic young men and women. It was formed to organize and unite all Ukrainian Catholic youth in America into a strong Catholic

Ukrainian Youth League Elects, Plans Picnic

Election of officers and completion of plans for the summer picnic highlighted a recent meeting of the local chapter of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League held in St. Joseph's Parish cafeteria, 805 Hudson Ave., Rochester.

action group; coordinating their cultural, patriotic and fraternal activities, fostering and preserving devotion to their Byzantine Slavonic (Ukrainian) Rite, loyalty to the U. S. A., its Constitution and flag, and combating secularism and all other materialistic aims by associating their youth more closely with the Church, thereby sharing in the Apostolic Mission of the Church because it promotes the salvation of souls by its spiritual, cultural, patriotic and fraternal program, according to the teachings of the Catholic faith."

Parish Lotteries Taxed in Britain
London — (NC) — The British government's sanction of lotteries run by parishes and religious institutions was sharply criticized here after it was found out that a rider had been attached to the Small Lotteries and Gaming bill. The rider imposes a tax on income derived from the lotteries.

In a heated debate in the House of Commons, a member of Parliament pointed out that about 2 per cent of the money received in the lotteries will have to be paid out in income and profits taxes. If the usual 50 per cent goes into prizes and costs, he said, the actual revenue for the charity concerned would be about 29 per cent of the total receipts.

Funeral Services Held For 2 Women In Corning

Corning—Requiem Masses were offered for two Corning women during the past week. Funeral services were held Monday morning of this week for Mrs. Elizabeth Burgett of 137 W. Second St., who died the previous Thursday, Aug. 2, 1956, following a brief illness. A prayer service was held at 8:30 a.m. at the Poland Funeral Home followed by Requiem High Mass at St. Mary's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Members of the Corning Business and Professional Women's Club, of which Mrs. Burgett was president, attended the church services in a body.

Mrs. Burgett, active in the business and civic life of the community, is the widow of the late Charles A. Burgett.

Mrs. Burgett, secretary to City Judge Charles H. Githler for 14 years, was not considered seriously ill although she had not worked for a couple of days.

Mrs. Burgett was a native and life-long resident of Corning, born August 9, 1897 to Henry and Catherine McGrath Krebs.

Survivors include twin daughters, Mrs. Donald McPherson and M. Delson Grover, both of Corning; one son, C. Thomas of Beaver Dams RD 2; four grand-children, Donna Jean and Joan Marie McPherson of Corning and Stephen and Danny Burgett of Beaver Dams RD 2; four sisters, Mrs. Alice Schulz of Rochester, Mrs. Katherine Meeker of Elmira and Miss Mary E. Krebs and Mrs. Florence Noyes of Corning; one brother, Henry L. Krebs of Clearfield, Pa. and several nieces and nephews.

Four Charities Named For Football Proceeds

Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus named four charity organizations that will benefit from an exhibition football game, pairing the Rochester Pros and London Lords at Aquinas Stadium on Aug. 19.

Named by the KC were School of the Holy Childhood polo, cerebral palsy aid handicapped children's groups. The Knights also reported that other charity organizations may be added later. Harry B. Crowley was named chairman of the charity phase of the promotion.

THIS MARKS the third year that the local council of the Knights of Columbus has sponsored a charity exhibition football game in Rochester. National Football League games having been promoted in 1953 and 1954.

The Rochester-London game will be the first ever played here under Canadian rules. The Pros joined the Ontario Rugby Football Union after winning the title in its only try in the New York State Football Conference last season.

Well known former college players pepper the Pros roster with such standouts as Chuckie Charley Maloy, former Holy Cross College star; Roy King, ex-Heidelberg College star; Don Bardell, onetime University of Rochester Little All-American, and Art Nowack, ex-Notre Dame star.

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