

Judge Davies 'Man Of Year'

Ronald N. Davies, Federal Judge in the famed Little Rock segregation case, has been chosen Catholic Man of the Year by "View" magazine, the Capuchin Fathers monthly magazine.

Judge Davies was chosen because of his historic legal decisions and their bearing on the segregation issue in America. As "View" states in the feature story of its January issue: "For his performance of a most difficult duty in time of crisis, his ruling which made integration a fact rather than a theory, and his personal conduct, Judge Davies is 'View's' choice as Man of the Year for 1957."

He has, both before and after his famous decision, avoided the public limelight as much as possible.

"I have no delusions about myself," said Judge Davies of his role in the segregation con-

troversy. "I'm just one of a couple of hundred federal judges all over the country. That's all."

However, Little Rock made a national figure out of the little judge, who is only one inch over five feet tall and weighs about 140 pounds.

He was born in Crookston, Minnesota, where he attended parochial school. He studied law at Georgetown University and opened his practice in Grand Forks, North Dakota. From 1932 to 1940 he was municipal judge in Grand Forks.

During World War II Judge Davies served as an officer in the U.S. army.



JUDGE DAVIES
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On returning to civilian life, he re-entered private law practice until he was appointed to the federal bench in 1955.

LAST AUGUST Judge Davies was assigned to Little Rock for a term of the Eastern District of the U.S. Court of Arkansas. He replaced the presiding judge, who was ill.

It was there, a couple of weeks later, that circumstances brought the segregation problem directly before the judge. In defense of law and justice Judge Davies made his historic decisions opposing the action of Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus who strove to block segregation in Little Rock Central High School.

"Proceed with integration," was his now famous statement. Judge Davies' historic decisions and the manner in which they were handed down were praised widely in America and abroad.

Blind Leper Radio Ham Asks Peace Prayers

Molokai, Hawaii (NC) — "A lot more people should be praying for world peace," according to Sammy Kualini, the blind leper and radio ham of Molokai.

THAT WAS his reply when he was asked what message he would give to the world on Christmas if he were requested by Pope Pius XII to give one.

Sammy, who is 37, has been on the island of Molokai for 21 years. He has been a leper since he was 10 years old. In 1945 he became blind. A native Hawaiian, he is a convert who serves Mass and receive Communion daily.

SAMMY IS ONE of the best known radio hams in the Pacific. After "talking to God" in the morning, as he expresses it, he talks for many hours of the day to radio amateurs the world over. His call sign is X KH6ALX.

You can talk to Sammy any day by contacting the students' station at St. Stephen's Seminary, Kaneohe, Oahu. The call sign is KH6CAF.

Cardinal Valeri Viatkin (NY) — Pope Pius XII sent Cardinal Valeri, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Religious, a message of congratulation on the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

Review Of Year

Diocese Reports \$10 Million In New Construction

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were solemnly dedicated in the past year — Christ the King, Irondequoit; St. Theodore's, Gates; St. Pius X, Chili; and St. Joseph's, Penfield.

St. Louis in Pittsford is scheduled for the Bishop's blessing in the spring, and four additional churches are nearing completion: St. Joseph, Weedsport; St. Patrick, Macedon; St. Thomas More, Brighton, and St. Ann's, Rochester.

Plans also call for an early start on a new St. Ambrose Church, Rochester.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION has provided new or expanded facilities for parish pupils and college students with a proposed \$2,250,000 McAuley teacher training college building just started at Mercy Motherhouse, Brighton.

Nazareth College opened its new \$500,000 library and now plans to add a new dormitory building at an estimated near million dollar cost.

Mt. Carmel high school in Auburn added a \$100,000 wing and the Society of the Divine Word at Conesus completed a new novitiate wing there.

Twelve parishes completed or launched new parochial school buildings, or additions to existing units, in the following:

Sacred Heart, Auburn; Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester; St. Mary's, Corning; Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira; St. John's, Spencerport; St. Joseph, Penfield; St. Cecilia and St. Margaret Mary, Irondequoit; St. Thomas More, Brighton; St. Mary's, Canandaigua; and the central school for Good Shepherd, Henrietta, and St. Joseph's, Rush.

St. Andrew's parish opened a new rectory; St. Monica's plans to construct one.

New convents were built for Holy Ghost parish, Colliwater; St. James, Irondequoit; Precious Blood, Rochester; Holy Family, Auburn; and construction is scheduled for Mother of Sorrows, Greece, and St. Thomas, Irondequoit.

St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, marked 157 as its centennial year, and announced plans to erect a \$2 million addition to expand its facilities to care for the sick of the Rochester area.

St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, will mark 1958 as its golden

anniversary year and has a million dollar expansion program underway in that southern tier city.

Also marking anniversaries in 1957 were century old St. James the Apostle parish, Trumansburg, and St. Patrick's, Macedon. The Mercy Sisters also observed their centenary in the Rochester Diocese during the past year.

TO CARE FOR the spiritual needs of the Diocese, eleven priests were ordained in June and twenty-five nuns made their final vows. 15 as Sisters of St. Joseph, 10 as Mercy Sisters.

The nuns in charge of the Convent and at Holy Angels Home, Rochester, both launched fund campaigns to expand respectively their work in behalf of lay women's retreats and for the guidance of young girls.

Fairport's Assumption parish pioneered in opening a "catechetical center," a specially built school for religious instruction of public school pupils.

Our Lady of the Lake Parish at Watkins Glen also launched construction of a new and modern cathedral and social center Holy Trinity, Webster and St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario also built religious instruction schools.

CATHOLICS OF the Rochester Diocese, although not affected directly, were alert to significant national and international events — such as the integration battle, Tito's proposed visit to the United States, Russian Sputniks, the Father Halton-Princeton controversy, Hilly McCoy's adoption case, and the tax threat to California's parochial schools.

He also spoke on such varied topics as the role of women in modern society, needed restraints on TV, radio, and movie programs, the unending struggle of free men against communism, and advice to doctors about prolonging life in hopelessly ill and unconscious patients.

THE NEW YEAR 1958 dawns with new hopes of continued expansion along both spiritual and material fronts — new schools, new churches, new institutions of charity, and service, increased numbers to swell the ranks of the priesthood and sisterhoods, better informed and more zealous laity — all together constituting in the words of Bishop Kearney on the day of his jubilee "my team" to win souls for eternity.

BOOK SHELF

The Day They Killed The King

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THE DAY THEY KILLED THE KING, by Hugh Ross Williamson. Macmillan '57, 206 pp. \$3.75. At Catholic and other bookstores.

Hugh Ross Williamson, noted recent English convert, has found the secret of turning really new light on old history. He tells of the execution of Charles I as if the individual man, and the individual men round about him, were the whole story—as if their thoughts, motives, words, acts, omissions to act, uncalculated or the opposite, the little minutes of those few days so humanly burdened with the trivial and the pitiful, were all.

Perhaps he does explain all England of that mid-seventeenth century as he goes, but not obviously. You see one man's story.

You never forget again that Charles, saying his "you must remember" to little Elizabeth, his daughter, breaks off with the words, "sweetheart, you'll forget all this," and is answered, "No, I shall never forget it while I live. I will write it down as soon as . . . as soon as . . . I leave you . . ."—the rest is tears and great sobs.

You come to realize that the enigmatic roistering Charles II of a later day, who may have been at death the Catholic that Macaulay and Benson saw in him, was a loving son.

SO LOVING and so brave was he that he sent a blank sheet with his signature affixed to the murdering Parliament, so that they might take away his whole right of succession or do anything at all they liked, set any terms, if only his father's life were spared.

He sent an efficient courier to his father with a duplicate sheet, to give hope or at least the token of love on the fatal eve. His glad father answered the love, tossed the sacrificial sheet into the fire.

You even come to see the slight chance that rides between life and death—Falfax, the unconvinced councillor, the man who could not see the King die, fooled into a committee meeting, a prayer meeting too, so that he would not know the death sentence was actually being carried out.

The little crookednesses, the big crime, show as what they are in this vivid writing.

Ross Williamson is rightly called the whodunit-writer among historians. He is also a novelist and dramatist of his favorite "century," 1530-1688, with 35 works on the period, and in his working time edits the Bookman and the Strand Magazine and is assistant editor of the Yorkshire Post.

ONE OF THE BEST of the whodunit writers, the creator of the Lord Peter stories, Dorothy Sayers, has given her last pleasure to the addicts.

She died two weeks ago—a scholarly Oxford lecturer in full career, known for her fine religious plays like The Zeal of Thy House, and in the last four years for her translation of Dante's Inferno and Purgatorio and two splendid volumes of essays on the great poet.

From the December Readers Digest article on Antoine de Saint-Exupery, "Most Unforgettable Character":

Saint-Ex changed people — at least while they were with him. His presence put heart into the timid, abashed the impudent, closed the liar's mouth. This nobleman of exquisite breeding spent 20 years in barracks, and remote air stations; he was not to be shocked by the crude language of camp life.

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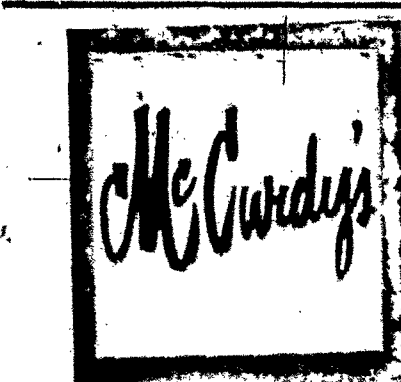
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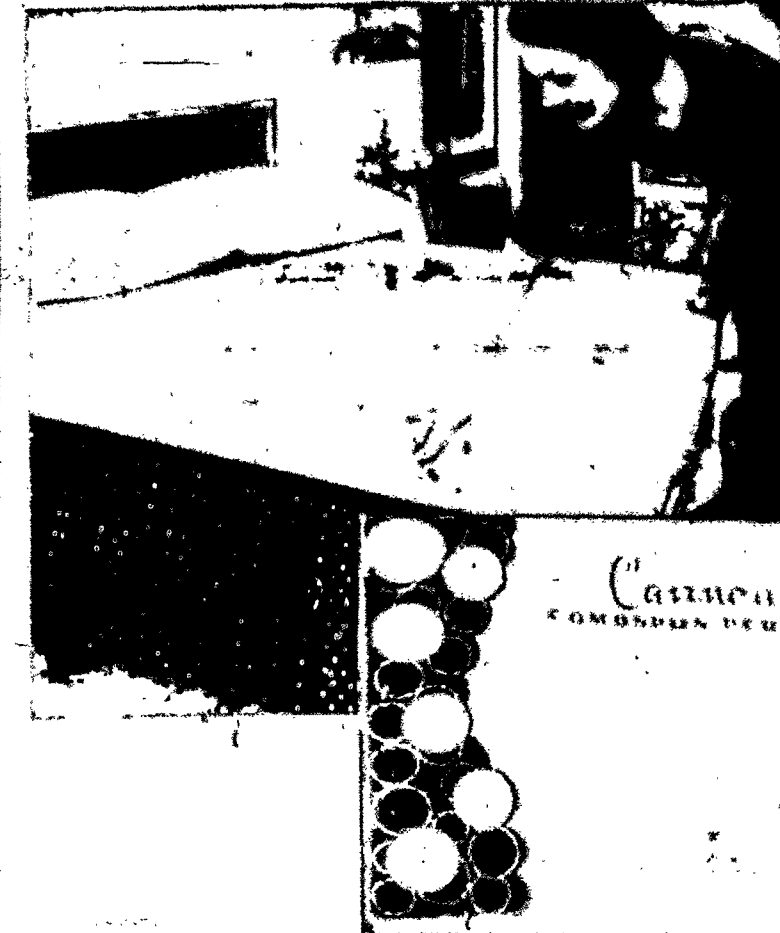
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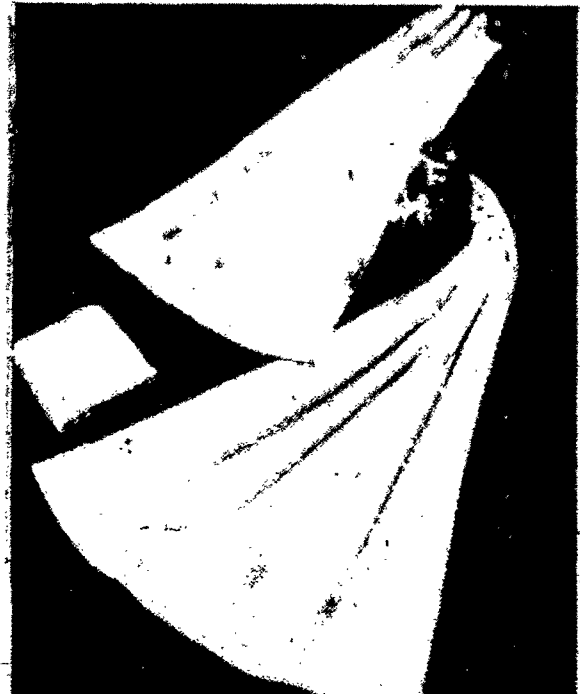
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