

ROCHESTER WRITER

## Miss Thompson Authors Story For Youngsters

Dayton, Ohio — A well-known Rochester writer of children's literature, Blanche Jennings Thompson, who has written for various media, this week adds thousands of third grade youngsters to her audience with appearance of a new story in the classroom periodical used in Catholic schools throughout the country.

Titled, "A Surprise for the Farmer," Miss Thompson's story appears in the April 23 issue of the Grade 3-edition of "Our Little Messenger," published here weekly during the school year by Geo. A. Plam, Publisher, Inc.

The illustrated story describes the adventure of a farmer who attempts to go visiting one evening but is perplexed by mysterious "voices" which give him conflicting advice on the best path to follow. When dawn breaks and the unfortunate farmer is still hesitating he discovers that the "voices" belong to the frogs.

Born in Geneseo, N. Y., Miss Thompson's writing career began at the age of 10 when she took first prize in a literary contest. She has built on this early success by publishing numerous books including "A Prayerbook," "All Day With God," "Bible Children," two anthologies of poems for children called "Silver Pennies" and "More Silver Pennies," and a fantasy called "Dream Maker." She is also author and co-author of a number of text books for high schools including "Americans All" and "Adventures in Reading." Numerous articles have appeared in Catholic World, the Ave Maria, the Commonweal and other Catholic magazines.

Miss Thompson just recently wrote the book, "St. Elizabeth's Three Crowns," which was dedicated to Bishop Kearney.

A graduate of the State Normal School in Geneseo, N. Y., Miss Thompson took her baccalaureate degree at Columbia University and gained her Master of Arts degree at Rochester University. Miss Thompson is an experienced teacher. She taught first grade in Rochester and, later, a course in children's literature at Rochester University. She has also taught at every intermediate level.

"Our Little Messenger" first published one of Miss Thompson's stories in 1952. Since then, her poems, stories and word-games have appeared frequently in the pages of this periodical.

### Lourdes Pilgrimage

Albany, N. Y. (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop Edward J. Maginn of Albany will lead a diocesan pilgrimage to the Lourdes centennial observance in France. The pilgrims will sail from New York City on June 18.

## Pray For Nikita?

By FRANK KELLY

Mrs. Marie Aubuchon of St. Louis, Mo., was quoted in a recent article in the Catholic Chronicle, newspaper for the Diocese of Toledo, as saying that she prayed to Nikita Khrushchev's Guardian Angel to work overtime for his conversion.

THE ARTICLE, written by Bob Considine for International News Service, went on to say that her daughter and several of the



NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV

daughter, friends also prayed for leading disciples of that atheistic philosophy.

This, at first glance, may seem a little bit unusual, but on further consideration, we wonder how unusual it actually is?

This is not a criticism of Mrs. Aubuchon's work. In fact, we think that it is highly commendable, for the only real answer to the world's problems lies in praying for our enemies. (Remember Our Lord's admonition — "Love thy neighbor as thyself.")

ACTUALLY, there have been thousands upon thousands of people who have been doing just that for over 40 years.

It was just 40 years ago that Our Blessed Lady made her appearance to the three children in Fatima, Portugal.

Her message to the children included a petition that the world pray for the conversion of Russia.

SINCE THAT time, good, sincere people have been getting down on their knees every day praying the rosary for the conversion of Russia. In addition, after every low Mass, the prayers intoned by the Priest and his congregation are said for Russia's conversion.

Also, First Saturday clubs have sprung up so that nearly every city has one. Members receive Holy Communion on the First Saturday of each month, with the single intention being the downfall of communism and the return of God's people to His service.

WE HOPE and pray that Mrs. Aubuchon may continue her good work. We hope many more will also hope that more people will follow her fine example. But we pray for Our Lord's intercession in the cause of Russia's conversion.

## Spiritual Dangers In Press Cited

Raleigh, N. C. (RNS) — Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh warned in a pastoral letter to all Catholic churches in the state that there was "danger to your souls from indiscriminate reading of certain influential newspapers."

"Some of them," Bishop Waters said, "have abandoned their high calling of devotion to truth, to decency and to goodness, becoming purveyors of filth and temptations of the innocence of youth."

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## Students Elect College Board Of Governors

The election for the governors and officers of the Student Board of Governors at St. John Fisher College was held April 18, the climax to a week of intensive campaigning. The results of the election were announced during the Jazz Concert which was in session on that afternoon.

The Board of Governors functions as the governing body of the extra-curricular activities of the college students. The officers elected were Robert Corletta, president; William Wahl, vice president; Patrick Pietropaoli, treasurer; Vincent Wissman, secretary.

The senior governors are Frank DeLaus, Robert Kretschmer, Frank Wolkonowski, John Sorokh, Richard Coleman and Joseph Sidoti. The junior governors are Joseph Polizzi, Roger Streib, Thomas McDermott, Paul Mura and Charles Fina. The sophomore governors are Larry Pizzaferrato, James Hart and Frank Argento.

These officers and governors for the 1953-1954 year on the Student Board of Governors were voted into office at an election in which over 91 per cent of the eligible student voters participated.

## Faith - Healing Rallies Scored

Little Rock, Ark. — (RNS) — Catholics here were warned against attending, or viewing, on television, "faith healing" worship rallies at the Arkansas Livestock Show grounds.

The warning against any participation in the rallies, advertised as held in "The World's Greatest Miracle Gospel Tent," was sounded by the Rev. John E. Murphy, vicar of St. John's Home Missions Seminary here.

Father Murphy, in answer to queries, wrote in the Guardian, official publication of the Little Rock diocese, "Catholics are not allowed to take part in these 'shows.'"

"Any active participation in such gatherings," he emphasized, "is seriously sinful. . . . A Catholic is forbidden on principle to participate in any form of worship other than those prescribed by the Catholic religion."

"Under certain conditions," Father Murphy added, "Catholics may attend functions in a non-Catholic church. . . . But it is practically inconceivable that these conditions would be found in a Catholic attending a revival meeting or other service conducted by 'faith healers.'"

## University Honors Little Rock Judge

Washington, D. C. (NC) — Judge Ronald N. Davies has received the 1953 Outstanding Alumnus Award of the law center of Georgetown University here.

Judge Davies, U.S. District Judge in North Dakota, gained national prominence last fall for his part in efforts to enforce Federal orders calling for desegregation in Central High School, Little Rock, Ark. where he was presiding temporarily. He is a 1930 graduate of the law center of Georgetown. The university is conducted by the Jesuit Fathers.

## Toronto College Changes Name

Toronto, Ont. (NC) — St. Michael's College, the Catholic College at the University of Toronto, has changed its name for legal reasons to the University of St. Michael's College. The institution is conducted by the Basilian Fathers.

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## Trophies In KC-CYO Cage League

PRESENTATION of trophies to champions in two divisions of Knights of Columbus CYO Basketball League highlighted banquet in Holy Family Auditorium, Auburn. Participating (from left) Rocco Malvaso, league president; Carl Fest, Holy Family 8th grade team coach; David Festa and William B. Rooney, Holy Family team, 8th grade division champions, co-captains; Paul Resley, captain, SS. Peter and Paul 7th grade team, 7th grade division champions and Robert Christina, SS. Peter and Paul team coach. (A. G. Tarby photo).

## Winners Announced In CDA Poetry Contest

Two hundred and sixty-four students participated locally in the 1953 National Poetry Contest sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America, Court Rochester No. 1139.

Awards are being sent to the 12 winning contestants in the Rochester and suburban schools.

WINNING ENTRANTS in the four divisions are: Division I, fourth graders, Mary Ann Murphy, St. Thomas School; Division II, fifth and sixth graders, Kenneth Bradley, St. Thomas School; Division III, seventh and eighth graders, Mary Searchfield, St. Thomas School; Division IV, ninth and tenth graders, Mary Searchfield, St. Thomas School.

Martha Stoffel of St. Monica's School, 311 Van Brocklin St., St. Louis School, Pittsford, and Ellen Zurkey of St. Stanislaus School won prizes in Division II, which consisted of entries from students in the seventh, eighth, and ninth years.

Division III, high school students, had winning poems by Suzanne Rogers, of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Patricia Manion from Nazareth Academy and Mary Rich from Saint Agnes High School.

Two more, Sister M. Thaddeus, S.S.J. and Sister Yvonne, S.S.J.

## Thomas J. Smith Funeral Held

Requiem Mass was celebrated May 1 by Monsignor J. Randall at Immaculate Conception Church for Thomas J. Smith, 82 Olson St., who died April 28, 1953.

Mr. Smith is survived by two brothers, Edward J. and John B. Smith, three sisters, Mrs. Carl Stebbins, Mrs. Mary Foley and Mrs. John Moenahan, and several nieces and nephews.

Father Leo Smith gave the final blessing at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, where Mr. Smith was interred. Arrangements were handled by Joseph A. Murphy Funeral Home.

Bearers at the Mass were John Foley, John Moenahan, Louis Quetchembach, Maurice Ward, Joseph Murphy and John Vander.

COOK ISLANDS  
Mha, Fiji (NC) — A census report shows an increase of 23 per cent in the Catholic population of the Cook Islands in the past five years.

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## Archbishop Grimshaw

## England Returning 'Quietly' To Faith

London (NC) — England is "quietly and unobtrusively" returning to the Catholic Faith, Archbishop Francis Grimshaw of Birmingham declared here.

The prelate told a home missions society, that there probably would not be any spectacular developments in the conversion of England. He contrasted the isolation of the Catholic of a half-century ago with the promising conversion work of today which has resulted "in places dotted all over the country where Catholics are multiplying by tens and hundreds."

FATHER THOMAS Fitzgerald, pastor of a big East London working class parish, said that accompanying the country's increasing secularism is a changing religious spirit, forsaking Protestantism and drawing nearer to the Catholic outlook.

Father Fitzgerald said that Catholics cannot be complacent, however, for while there are numerous converts, many Catholics are lost also.

In his own parish, he said, there are 4,000 people who ought to be Catholics against 2,000 who actually come to church. Faced with "the horrible nightmare" of Victorian industrialism, he said, many of these people had found the problem of keeping the Faith in their families too great.

BUT FATHER Fitzgerald told the home mission guild:

"In less than a century from now, Catholics in England will be standing alone. There is an ethos being formed which is purely Catholic, and Protestants are becoming accustomed to it."

AS AN INSTANCE, he said that in modern British films it is Catholics who appear as representatives of Christian religion and ethics, not Protestant ministers. The same applies to modern literature, he said.

"I can foresee a time when, with the growth of secularism, the bulk of churchgoers will be Catholics; and when the government, wishing to discuss religious matters, will discuss them with representatives of the Catholic Church," he said.

Archbishop Grimshaw said that England's returning to the Faith "quietly and unobtrusively" would be a much more sure progress than a sudden or mass conversion.

### Prophet of the Age

"What are you going to be when you graduate?" someone asked Butch.

Butch, who'd been having a hard time with his arithmetic, replied: "An old man."



## To Mission

ROSE FERRARA of Auburn is among 12 Catholic nurses, secretaries, teachers and technicians, students at the Grail Institute for Overseas Service in Brooklyn, who will go next summer to Rural Ohio and Kentucky for five weeks' field work along social and catechetical lines in Glenmary Mission parishes.

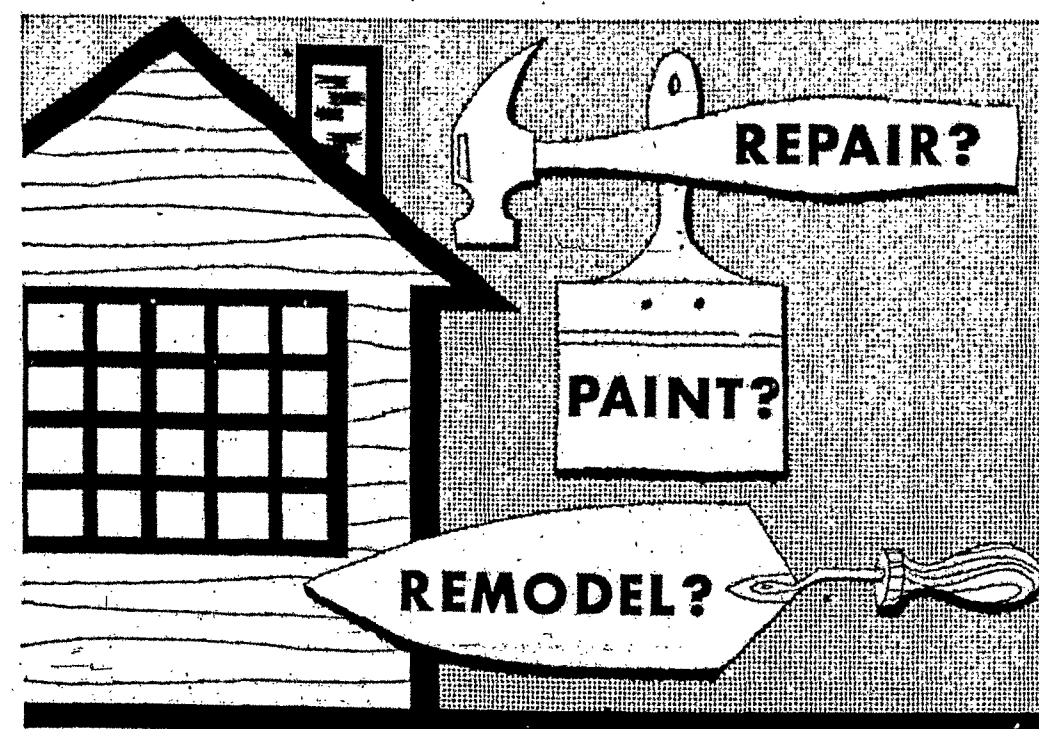
## Open House At Hospital

St. Joseph's Hospital will observe Hospital Day on Tuesday, May 13. Open house is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. and again from 7 to 9 p.m.

Members of the hospital's women's auxiliary will be on hand to guide visitors to the exhibits which will be staffed by department personnel so that visitors may have their questions answered.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the tours, and door prizes will be awarded at 9 p.m. Visitors who have made the tour will be eligible for drawings, even though not present at the time the winning names are announced.

THE OPEN HOUSE at St. Joseph's is a part of the observance of National Hospital Week, which is May 11 to 17. The theme is "Careers That Count" and visitors will be briefed on some of the many careers available in hospitals today.



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