

Church Architects Awarded Plaque

Architects for the recently constructed St. Thomas More Church, Brighton have been cited for their "most unusual, imaginative and effective use of glass" in the new structure.

Results of a contest conducted by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company in the 26 counties embraced by the Central New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects revealed that the architectural firm of Todd and Giroux, 311 Alexander St., Rochester, will receive the first prize plaque.

In their comment on the St. Thomas More Church and school project, the judges reported that the Todd & Giroux firm had used glass "to express and control space, and give a discreet, restrained and pleasant surface decoration in the baptistry."

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Clean Shirt Saves Missioner

Paris — (RNS) — A clean shirt a day saved his life, says Father Andre Dupeyrat, French Roman Catholic missionary among the Papuans of New Guinea.

Father Dupeyrat, a member of the company of Priest Brothers of Issoudun, described his extraordinary escape from a horrible death when he appeared on a popular radio program "The Escape Club" on the No. 1 Europe network.

In 30 years of missionary work among the primitive Papuans, Father Dupeyrat had converted many thousands to Christianity but in doing so he incurred the hatred of the witch doctors who saw their power over the people seriously reduced.

The witch doctors finally decided to act. They held a "trial" which was in fact a long session of ritual dances and ended with the priest being condemned to die. The sentence was to be carried out by a two-yard long snake, black striped with blood red rings. Its bite is extremely painful and the agony lasts from ten to 15 minutes.

THE WITCH DOCTORS began preparing for the "execution" by capturing a snake and enclosing it in a bamboo tube exactly the same length as the snake. Then they procured a piece of cloth from a garment worn by the condemned priest and impregnated with his body odor. This was attached inside one end of the tube before it was closed up.

In the dark and narrow prison the serpent imagined that the rag was the thing which prevented it from getting out and started to bite it furiously. In order to engage the reptile further the witch doctors beat the tube with sticks and passed it over a flame.

The serpent had finally been made to associate its sufferings with the smell of the priest from whose clothes the rag was taken. When released near the priest it would inevitably attack him.

Father Dupeyrat had been warned by friendly natives of the sentence of death passed on him, and of the means

by which he would be struck down. "I was terrified," he said, "but there was nothing I could do but be on my guard and trust in God."

About a month later after visiting some tribes in the jungle, Father Dupeyrat stopped for the night in the village of Avol. He was welcomed hospitably by the Catholic Papuans and given a hut for the night.

In spite of his fatigue, the priest automatically performed his evening chores, washing out his shirt with a short disinfectant and hanging it to dry while he had a bath of sorts. Then he put his shirt on and lay down on the couch the natives had prepared for him.

Six of the villagers returned to bring him some supper and suddenly one of them let out a wild scream and pointed to the thatched roof. There was the long enraged serpent. The six men rushed out of the hut.

Father Dupeyrat, an elderly man, was not so agile, however, and he had no time to get up from his couch before the serpent dropped on him. Paralyzed with fear he waited for the fatal and terrible bite. The serpent, however, did not immediately attack. It seemed confused, slid off his chest, then coiled itself back again.

Sweating, trembling with fear, the missionary tried to pray. Then—wonder of wonders—the snake moved away and out into the jungle.

The strong soap had removed all trace of human smell from the priest's shirt and prevented the odor of his skin, though it had been drawn to the spot before he bathed.

"It was a miracle," says Father Dupeyrat. "I was so tired that night I nearly skipped my evening routine of washing my clothes, but Providence saw that I did."



PLANNING ST. THOMAS More Club party and Henry Strack, and seated, left to right, are standing, left to right, Leonard Mros, Diane Smith and Vivian Pallodoro.

Rochester Groups Plan Yule Dances

Holiday dances have been planned by groups in Rochester.

THE ST. THOMAS MORE CLUB annual Year's End party will be held Friday, Dec. 26, at Happy Acres Gold and Country Club, 440 Salt Rd., Webster, starting at 8 p.m.

Mike Russo's band will furnish music for dancing and a buffet supper will be served at midnight. Admission for the event, including the buffet, is \$2.50 per person.

Chairman of the event is Vivian Pallodoro, assisted by Kathleen Skokose, Diane Smith, Leonard Mros, and Henry Strack. Reservations can be made with the Misses Pallodoro, CH. 2-4730, M. Skokose, CO. 6-5475. Any young Catholic adult is invited.

THE MONIANS will host their Christmas Dance at the Portuguese-American Club, 163 Lincoln Ave., Saturday, Dec. 20. Dancing will take place from 8:30 to 1:30.

HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CLUB will sponsor a "Sno Ball Dance" on New Year's Day from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. in the hall. Jay and Ames St. Music will be furnished by Joe DeRosa and his band.

President Mike Teale is working with a large committee to make the affair a success. The auditorium will be decorated with a wintry motif. Tickets may be purchased at the door for 75 cents per person and \$1.25 a couple.

Members of the Rochester Club of St. Bonaventure University will hold their second annual Christmas dance on Friday, Dec. 26 at Brook-Lea Country Club, from 9 p.m. till 1 a.m.

Music for the affair will be provided by Kenny Taylor and his orchestra. Highlight of the evening will be the crowning of a dance queen during intermission.

Alumni and friends of the University are invited and may purchase tickets from club members or at the door.

Steve Carucci, dance chairman, announces that a special surprise is planned for each guest attending the dance. Other members of the committee include Justin Tubolar and Bob McEvoy. Further information may be obtained by phoning Steve Carucci at CO. 6-3165 or Paul Mueken, club president, at PH. 2-2351.

NOTRE DAME ALUMNI will conduct their Christmas dance at the University Club on Saturday, Dec. 27. Dinner at 8 p.m. will open the program.

Dancing will take place from 10 a.m. until 2 a.m. with an attraction scheduled at midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nye Duff and Mr. and Mrs. James Doyle are co-chairmen. Assisting are: Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Falcone, publicity; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Murray, tickets; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Dellard, music; Mr. and Mrs.

3 Month Wait Required For Mixed Marriage

Liverpool — (RNS) — At least three months' notice will be required in the future before a dispensation for a mixed marriage can be granted in the Catholic archdiocese of Liverpool. Archbishop John C. Heenan announced in his Advent pastoral letter.

HE STRESSED that the new rule is intended to give those concerned a chance to reflect on the strains which "spiritual disharmony" is likely to impose on any marriage.

"Please do not misunderstand me," the archbishop wrote. "I am not condemning those who have contracted a mixed marriage. Nor do I say that when mixed marriages fail it is always the fault of the non-Catholic. On the contrary, I gladly admit that many non-Catholics are faithful to their promises, and give love when their Catholic partners grow lax and their children are given a bad example by the Catholic parent."

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Premier's Prayer

Algiers — (RNS) — Premier Charles de Gaulle attends a Sunday service at the Algiers Cathedral. He made plain his concern over the problem of Algerian independence by going to Algeria recently for his fifth visit since he came to power as head of the new French Fifth Republic.

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Dean's Last Students
John G. Hamm of 114 Arrowhead Dr. and Laura J. Wishard of 1506 Chili Ave., both Rochester, have been named to their respective dean's lists at Niagara University. Miss Wishard is at the college of nursing and Hamm is at the school of education at the university.

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Pope Names Prelates To Italy Sees

Vatican City — (NC) — Three high Vatican officials have been named Archbishops by Pope John XXIII. One of them has been appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Italy.

They are Vatican Subsecretaries of State, Monsignors Carlo Grano and Angelo Dell'Acqua; and the assessor of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, Msgr. Giuseppe Feretto.

Msgr. Grano has been given the post of Nuncio to Italy to replace Cardinal Fietta, one of the 23 new cardinals raised to the Sacred College.

It has been reported in Vatican circles that another of the new Princes of the Church, Cardinal Tardini, Vatican Secretary of State, will be raised to the Episcopate. The report said that in all seven prelates working at the Vatican would be elevated.

Msgr. Grano will be made Titular Archbishop of Thessalonica, the former See of Cardinal Castaldi, Archbishop of Naples. Msgr. Dell'Acqua will be Titular Archbishop of Chalcedon and Msgr. Ferretto will be Titular Archbishop of Sardica, former See of Cardinal Fietta.

All three prelates will be consecrated by Pope John XXIII on Dec. 27.

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