

Nun Devises 'Homemade' Lie Detector

Washington — (RNS) — The National Science Foundation announced a grant to a Roman Catholic teaching nun who has invented a "do-it-yourself" lie detector device to be used in instructing high school and college students of psychology.

A grant of \$300 has been made to Sister Mary John Catherine, psychology teacher at Clarke College, Dubuque, Ia., to finance her research.

A spokesman for the foundation — whose grants usually run into four or five figures, said, "That's all she asked for."

With her limited funds, Sister John Catherine is demonstrating how students, working with simple materials, can make a psychogalvanometer. This is a device that measures psychic response to stress situations by measuring blood pressure, by "direction" of the skin, sweating of the hands, and other involuntary responses.

In its advanced form, such a machine is the familiar "lie detector" used by police. For the classroom in psychology, a much simpler device will suffice, the nun believes.

Cost of such equipment is prohibitive for most high schools and colleges, she points out.

Shrine At Auriesville

Devotion To Lady Of Foy Flourishes

By RICHARD M. GUILDERSON

More than 8,000 events have been held during 1959 in commemoration of New York State's official "Year of History" program. This year-long observance celebrates the 350th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's discovery of Lake Champlain and Henry Hudson's discovery of the Hudson River.

Completely overshadowed by all these observances is the little known story of another discovery which took place 350 years ago. That discovery has special significance for Catholics in New York State because it concerns the story of the first known public devotion of the Blessed Mother in this State. That story is told in the following account of Our Lady of Foy, center of Marian devotion at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville.

A GROUP of Mohawk Indians gathered recently at the Auriesville Shrine and in simple ceremonies quietly commemorated the 350th anniversary of the historic discovery which played an important part in the conversion of their forefathers.

The discovery they commemorated had nothing to do with Champlain or Hudson. It concerned a simple woodsman, named Gilles de Waulin, who made his living chopping down trees in the forest at Foy, Belgium.

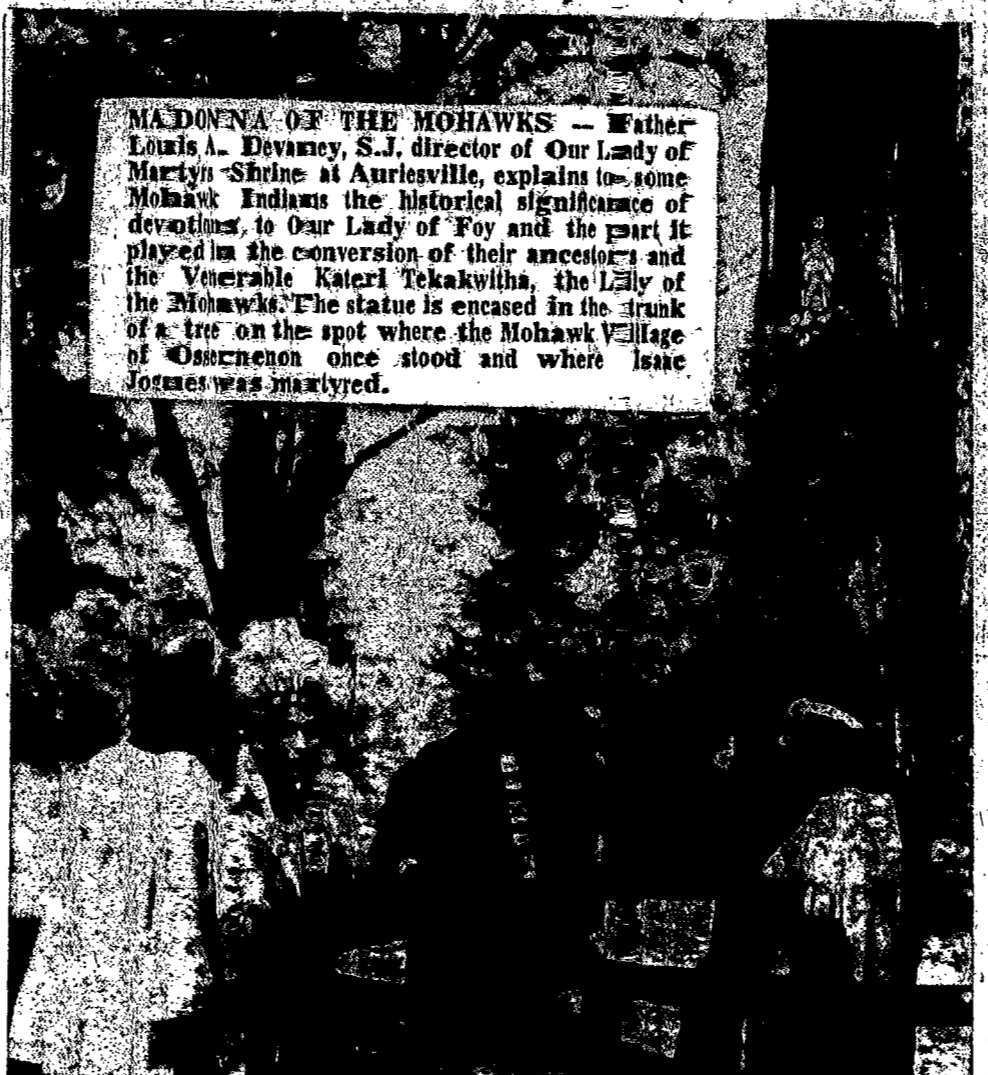
Somewhere between the time the noted French-Catholic explorer discovered Lake Champlain and Hudson discovered Albany, this woodsman made his startling discovery. He was splitting a massive oak in July, 1609, when his axe struck pieces of metal in the heart of the tree.

Anxiously, he pushed away the sawdust. His eyes widened in astonishment as he saw a statue of the Blessed Mother holding the infant Jesus in her right arm. The statue was embedded in the middle of the huge tree. Surrounding it were three iron bars half eaten away by rust. A cluster of crystal stones and a large strand of hair were also with it.

THE STORY OF this statue and the great devotion to Our Lady of Foy which developed after its finding is interwoven with the early history of the Catholic Church in New York. In fact there is strong evidence to support an assumption that devotion to Our Lady of Foy played an important part in the conversion of the Indian Mother, Kateri Tekakwitha, whose cause is now being processed in Rome.

Shortly after the statue was discovered devotion to Our Lady under her new title grew rapidly in Foy and nearby Dinant. The Jesuit Fathers who conducted a college and church at Dinant became the principal propagators of this new devotion.

In 1639 a chapel was built to enshrine the precious statue.



MADONNA OF THE MOHAWKS — Father Louis A. Devaney, S.J. director of Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine at Auriesville, explains to some Mohawk Indians the historical significance of devotion to Our Lady of Foy and the part it played in the conversion of their ancestors and the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks. The statue is encased in the trunk of a tree on the spot where the Mohawk village of Ossernenon once stood and where Isaac Jogues was martyred.

From then on a large number of pilgrims came to the forest and countless miracles were reported. In 1638, 12,000 pilgrims and 200 sick came to the town unknown to the world.

FATHER LOUIS A. DEVANEY, S.J., director of the Auriesville Shrine, said that devotion to Our Lady of Foy was very popular in France when Isaac Jogues was a Jesuit novice. "In fact," he said, "rites of Our Lady of Foy made from the oak trees where the original statue was found were carried by the Jesuit missionaries wherever they went."

According to Father Devaney, it is highly probable that Father Jogues told the story of Our Lady of Foy to the Indians when he was in Ossernenon, the very site of Auriesville. However, the records show that it wasn't until 1669 that the first statue of Our Lady of Foy was brought to America. It was brought here expressly to teach the Indians devotion to Our Lady. The records also show that the first statue of Our Lady of Foy in this State was a statue of Our Lady of Foy.

In 1675 Jesuit Father Jacques de Lamberville carried one of the statues into the Mohawk Valley. He immediately introduced this devotion to his parishioners at St. Peter's Chapel in Caughnawaga, near present-day Fonda. Every Sunday, Father de Lamberville invoked the statue for the remission of the sins of the faithful who recited the rosary. It appears that this became the first known public devotion to the Blessed Mother in what is now New York State.

MANY JESUIT missionaries who were having great success in winning converts among the Indians attributed it to Our Lady of Foy. The Superior of the Jesuit Mission among the Iroquois, Father Bruyas, S.J., wrote this report in 1681:

"I attribute these conversions to the goodness of the Most Blessed Virgin, a miraculous image of whom, as Our Lady of Foy, has been sent us. I can state, that since we have possessed that precious deposit, the church of Agnie has completely changed its appearance. The older Christians have resumed their former fervor and the number of new ones increases daily."

If one is allowed to read between the lines, it is reasonable to assume that Our Lady of Foy played an important part in the conversion of Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks.

She was born in Ossernenon, which is now Auriesville, in 1658 shortly after the martyr's blood had dried upon the ground. Later she moved to Caughnawaga, a few miles away. About a year after Father de Lamberville arrived and introduced devotion to Our Lady of Foy, Kateri was converted. He baptized her on Easter Sunday.

April 17, 1676 at St. Peter's Chapel, where Our Lady of Foy's statue was enshrined.

THIS BAPTISM was to become an important event in the history of Catholic America. Kateri is canonized—and thousands of devoted Catholics are praying that she will be canonized—and she would become the first native-born American to receive sainthood.

Kateri participated in the public devotion to Our Lady of Foy at Caughnawaga and became Mary's most devoted devotee. In 1677 she fled from persecution and traveled to a village of Christian Indians on the St. Lawrence River. She made a vow of perpetual virginity on March 25, the feast of the Annunciation. Her spiritual advisor, Father Chabouis, S.J. Then in 1680—exactly four years from the date of her baptism she died. On January 2, 1943 a decree was issued in Rome "declaring heroic the virtues of the servant of God, the venerable Catherine Tekakwitha."

Today devotion to Our Lady of Foy is comparatively unknown in the United States. But in New York State there are two identical statues of Our Lady of Foy which contain particles of the original statue found in 1609.

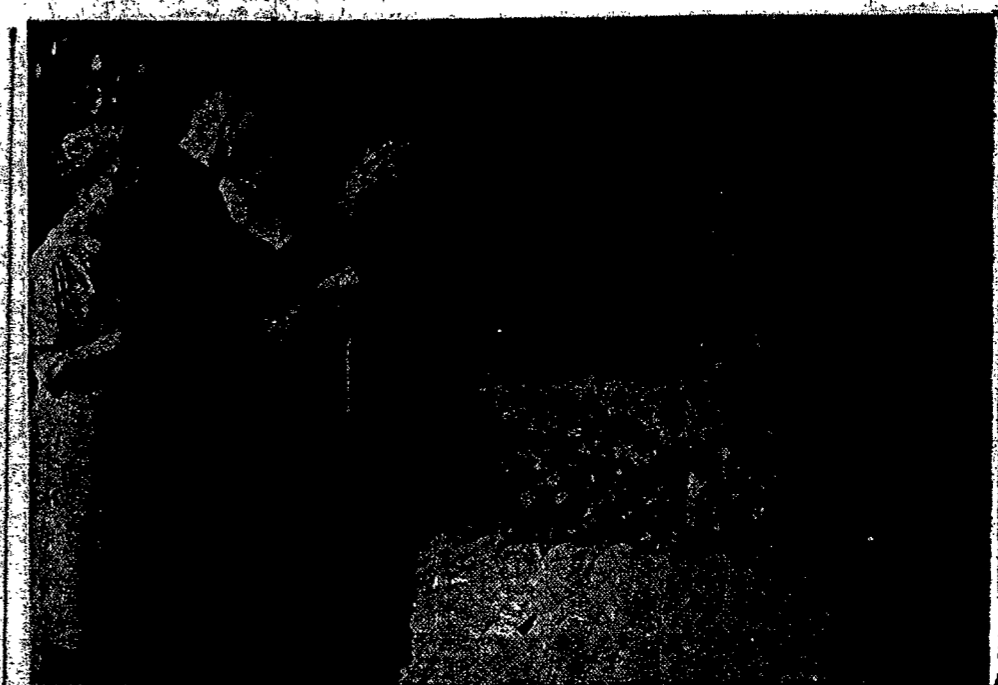
One of them is located at the Auriesville Shrine encased within the trunk of a tree where the ancient village of Ossernenon once stood and where Father Jogues died. The shrine itself was erected "as a commemoration of the historical mission of the Martyrs and particularly as the restoration of the devotion to the Blessed Mother which existed in the Mission of the Martyrs along the Mohawk in connection with the veneration of the statue of Our Lady of Foy."

The other statue is located at St. Peter's Chapel in nearby Fonda, which statue was obtained from the shrine in Belgium in 1946 by the Very Rev. Thomas Grassman, O.F.M., Conv., director of the Tekakwitha Memorial and Caughnawaga Museum.

Newly elected officers of the Cardinal Newman Library Club of Aquinas Institute were formally installed at a luncheon last Monday at the Rochester Club.

William Thompson of St. Helen's parish took over the post of president assisted by Richard Brophy of Sacred Heart parish as vice-president and Henry Hess of St. John's parish, Spencerport, as secretary-treasurer.

Rev. John R. Whitley, C.S.B., Aquinas Institute, and national chairman of the High School Section of the Catholic Library Association is moderator of the Club.



Anniversary Gift

CHILDREN OF Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tschiederer surprised their parents by erecting a shrine in their back yard in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary. The shrine was erected in one week's time while the Tschiederers were on vacation. They are shown above with the Rev. James Wolfe blessing the shrine. The children of the couple living in the city were present including Eugene, Philip, Richard, Mrs. M. James Lemhard (Mary), and John, and also two of their six grandchildren. Three other sons live out-of-town, Gerald in Florida, and Charles and David in California.

Banquet Planned In Seneca Falls

Seneca Falls—The St. Patrick's Guild and Altar Society will hold the 20th annual banquet Monday evening, October 26, at the Gould Hotel. Miss Charlotte Barbi is the chairman and Mrs. Rosalie Morganti is the co-chairman.

Miss Barbi has set Monday evening, October 5 for a committee meeting to make plans for the banquet. All members of the committee are asked to be present. The meeting will be at 7 o'clock in the St. Patrick's School hall.

Seneca Falls.—St. Patrick's Guild and Altar Society will hold their annual Communion and Breakfast Sunday October 4, Mass is at 8 a.m. Mrs. Rose Hannaman and Mrs. Mary Nicholson are the chairman for the breakfast in St. Patrick's School Auditorium. All members are asked to meet in front of the church at 7:45 and march in the church in a body.

Canandaigua Nurses Install New Officers

Canandaigua—New officers of Canandaigua Chapter of Catholic Nurses were installed at the annual dinner at the Garlock House, Palmyra, Tuesday evening, Sept. 22.

Miss Margaret Clocci took over the duties of president succeeding Miss Geraldine Gerbach. Other officers are: Mrs. Brad Anderson replacing Stephen Zasada as vice president; Mrs. E. P. McWilliams, secretary and Mrs. Richard Malone assuming the duties of Mrs. Andrew Brown as treasurer.

Rev. John Rosse, chaplain of St. Mary Hospital, was guest of honor at the dinner. Rev. Gerald Kelly of Canandaigua V.A. Facility, chaplain presented Father Rosse.

Catholic Action Medal

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