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The solicitation, Sunday, Oct. 4, was the culmination of a six-week campaign that saw 170 men of the parish serve on various committees to raise funds for the new school and parish hall.

The total pledged amount, \$125,721.16, has indicated great sacrifice on the part of many of the parishioners. Fr. O'Malley remarked, "and it is on various committees to raise funds for the new school and parish hall."

The Pacesetter Committee accounted for \$18,000, the Special Gifts Committee amassed \$24,000 and the General Committee, with unsolicited gifts from parish friends and business interests accounted for the balance.

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Looking Back Father Mooney Sparked Local Mission Activity

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR

Mention of Mission Sunday coming Oct. 18 makes memory processes stir and this department seeks to look back on mission activity during the past 30 years or more.

This writer's first experience with mission activity in the Diocese of Rochester was when we met the newly named diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in front of the old Federal Building on Church St. Father Leo C. Mooney had just been named by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey to establish an office of the National Society on March 16, 1926.

Father Mooney said he was opening an office in the Lincoln-Albino Bank Building and a visit there was made before he had put away his books.

FOR THE NEXT 12 years, priests, Sisters and Brothers who were following the "Teach Ye All Nations" admonition came to that office and the faithful aided them with prayers and funds to carry on the work.

Some of those who were interviewed included Father McGillibuddy, a Vincentian missionary whose exploit of escaping Chinese boats was accomplished by being lowered over the Chinese wall in a basket. A Father Sullivan, Jesuit missionary to India recalled how in saying an outdoor Mass in his mission he had to pause at the foot of the altar to allow a cow, sacred in India, to pass between him and the altar.

Two young men well remembered as visiting the Propagation of the Faith office were two other Vincentians, Fathers Frederick Gehring and Frederick McGuire who had gone through school and seminary in Brooklyn and were awaiting assignment to China. They visited the local high school mission meeting at Aquinas Institute with Father Mooney and entertained the students, especially Father Gehring with pen sketches. Both later left for China in October 1932 where they distinguished themselves as missionaries. Father McGuire is now the secretary of the Mission Secretariate in Washington. Father Gehring after service as a Chaplain, "The Guadalupe Padre," is with the Vincentians in Brooklyn.

BESIDES GREETING missionaries from around the world, such as Rev. Adrian Ryk and Rev. Peter Coenen, Mill Hill Fathers, first from Philippines and second from British East Africa and Mother Anna Dengel from India, Father Mooney directed mission enrollments and one year was fifth in the country in funds received.

He was interested in the Maryknoll Fathers at Ossining, because they were American missionaries going to foreign lands. We spent a few days there in the 20s and met young priests just back from the missions but destined for high places such as Bishop Lame, Bishop Peschang and Bishop Byrne whose early days were spent in Auburn.

One experience stands out for me. I, a little known Catholic newspaper man from Rochester, was asked to take a walk around the grounds with the co-founder of the order and later Bishop James A. Walsh. His courtesy and consideration stimulated an interest in the mission work and a desire to help all missionaries as well as Maryknollers.

The society has had but three diocesan directors, Father Mooney, Monsignor John S. Randall and now Father George S. Wood. Space is not available nor time does not allow a historical account of their work, this but lists a few highlights.

A Catholic Students Mission Crusade convention in Niagara University is recalled because we there met Rev. Michael J. Ready, executive secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and later Bishop of Columbus, Ohio.

A MEMORABLE CSMC rally in Rochester under the direction of Bishop Kearney and conducted at Red Wing Stadium during Monsignor Randall's time emphasized the mission zeal of our youth. They gathered in sweltering heat and the program was carried through despite prostrations.

The mission report in this week's issue will show the financial cooperation of our diocesan but the prayers and individual help given local missionaries can only be recorded in Heaven.

St. Boniface Drive Seeks \$200,000

Pledges toward construction costs of the new St. Boniface Church building, Gregory Street, will be sought throughout the parish next month, the Rev. Francis J. Taylor, pastor, announced today.

Minimum goal in the campaign will be \$200,000 in three-year pledges. The new church, now under construction and expected to be completed early next year, replaces the 70-year-old Gothic edifice which was destroyed by fire in November, 1957.

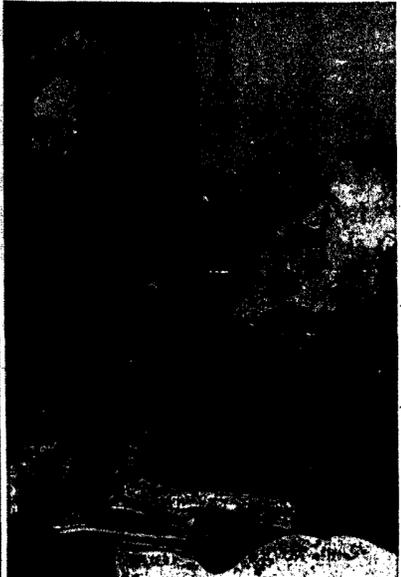
Organization of a committee of 300 men to conduct the parish-wide canvass, scheduled Nov. 15, is now underway. Members of the advanced gifts committee will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, and general committee captains will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22.

In a detailed report to parishioners, Father Taylor pointed out that money received from parishioners who pledged during a 1957 fund appeal, as well as money received in insurance following the church fire, has been expended in improvements to the parish buildings, including the school and hall, the convent and the rectory, as well as in current costs of construction of the new church.

A total of \$112,654 had been spent on improvements to the former church roof prior to the fire, he said.

Noting that there is an estimated projected cost of \$314,000 to be met upon completion of the new church, Father Taylor said this would be a prohibitive debt burden and necessitates an immediate campaign for pledges to reduce the amount to be borrowed and the interest payments thereon.

"THE ONLY answer to our problem is an immediate pledge appeal," Father Taylor declared. "I feel confident that the good parishioners of St. Boniface will respond loyally to the need."



ATTIRED IN missionary garb for Alaska, Father Leo C. Mooney, then director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith calls on Father Edward J. Cunningham, S.J., down with a slight cold after 14 years missionary work in the interior of Alaska at St. Mary's Hospital. Visit was in February, 1935. Father Mooney wears Father Cunningham's heavy fur parka necessary in Alaskan winters. Father Cunningham wears a lighter parka used as protection against strong winds.

Supper to Honor KC Deputy

Ithaca — Deputy Knight William Seitz, fraternal activities chairman of Ithaca Council 277, Knights of Columbus, announces that the monthly supper meeting to be held Thursday, Oct. 22, will honor District Deputy John M. Herron.

Herron, a former Grand Knight of Council 277, has been very active in Knights of Columbus circles for many years and was an active campaigner for the present State Deputy Emmitt Burke.

ACTIVITIES WILL start at 7 p.m. with a social hour followed at 7 p.m. with a steak dinner. At 8:30 p.m. a 1st degree under the direction of the Ceremonial Committee, Peter Piech, chairman, will be given.

Chairman Seitz also has announced that the local council will participate in the International Council Blood Bank drive to be held October 30 at the Masonic Hall from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Each of the member fraternal organizations have a quota of 15 pints.



HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR Sister Theresa of St. Mary's is shown above receiving check from Sherwood M. Snyder, (left) head of the Monroe County Unit, American Cancer Society, for establishment of a new cytology laboratory. Dr. Jacob Adler, pathologist and Director of Laboratories at St. Mary's Hospital, looks on.

Elmira Student First To Receive Technology Grant At Nazareth

Rochester Chapter of the Empire State Association of Medical Technologists has announced a scholarship fund to be used for a senior or junior college student, majoring in Medical Technology.

At the end of this year she will be prepared to take the examination, conducted by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, for certification of Medical Technologists.

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