

## Dismas Still Takes Care Of Convicts

By ETHEA FELKNER

St. Louis — (NC) — A former Jesuit mission band speaker endowed with a deep devotion to St. Dismas, the "Good Thief," has succeeded in opening a home for homeless ex-convicts.

Working with him on the project are Morris A. Shenker, an Orthodox Jew who is one of the nation's top criminal lawyers, and Judge David W. FitzGibbons of the St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction, a Catholic.

Affectionately known as "Dismas," because of his devotion, Father Charles Dismas

Clark, S.J., has been transferred from duties at the National Catholic Service Center here to full-time work at "Dismas House."

"Dismas House" is an abandoned grade school on the outskirts of the central business district. Mr. Shenker and others have spent some \$50,000 in remodeling it as a home for convicts who have no place to stay after their release from the penitentiary. It is open to ex-convicts from all over the United States.

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## American's Church In Rome

Rome — (NC) — The telegram from the Lourdes Medical Bureau read:

Please meet blind American girl arriving Rome's train station on ninth or tenth around midnight.

No other information was given. But Father James P. Cunningham, C.S.P., pastor of Santa Susanna's, the church for American Catholics in Rome, and his parishioners went to work to help a person none of them had seen.

Father Cunningham arranged room and board for the girl at a convent in Rome. Mrs. Umberto Tissone was to patrol the station from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., looking for the girl. The girl finally arrived about 11:30 p.m. on the ninth and was given a warm welcome and driven to the convent where she is to stay while in Rome.

On another occasion a rather frantic person phoned at the church's office. The call was from a visitor to Rome who asked, "Do you have American plumbing?"

In a special way Santa Susanna's is a world apart from the bustle of Rome. Many Americans, both residents and visitors, often turn to the church and its staff for help. But above all, it is the parish church of Americans in Rome, and it has an distinctly American parish atmosphere.

The parishes' fathers took over Santa Susanna's in 1922. Today it has about 250 American families among its parishioners. An estimated 7,000 Americans live in Rome today, of which perhaps 1,000 are religious.

SANTA SUSANNA'S has five scheduled Masses daily and 10 on Sundays. Confessions are heard in the morning and evening. Catechism classes are conducted at a private, Non-Catholic school in Rome. A circulation library of about 4,000 volumes is maintained by the ladies guild, which has about 50 members.

Aiding Father Cunningham in the work of the parish are Father William P. Blakester, C.S.P., of Atlanta, Ga.; Father Paul V. Malone, C.S.P., of Los Angeles; Father Thomas Stravitz of Milwaukee, who is out of the church, though he is in Rome to finish his doctorate in missiology.

Last year the priests of Santa Susanna's preached missions in Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Greece, Germany, Italy and Morocco. They also conducted a day of recollection for priest chaplains in Germany.

Father Cunningham is a Africa's spirit, its intent to natural for his job as pastor to share fully in the white man's Actual the post goes with the possession of the world and to office of prosecutor general of march right along with him. The Paulists, to which Father Cunningham was elected in twentieth century.

MOTHER ELEANOR initiates her readers little and big into the pursuits and hopes of her little African heroine without any condescension, without any suggestion that using a white

It's Africa's story, but it's the right sort of child, to her than this, it is Africa's story — the perfect grand-daughter to her patient grandmother, a most loving child of her new God. Along in the events of this story, and the manner of its telling bring home the newness of the young pagan who has claimed him as bride, the will work long and hard to pay him off in money.

Any young reader of this tale will grow in apostolic desire and in the knowledge that the work must be done now, today. There are no more low corners of the world. If the jeep and the lorry are everywhere, God incarnate must be everywhere.

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## Corning KC Hosts Party

Corning — Corning Council Knights of Columbus played hosts to about 100 children at Christmas party in the KC home over the holidays. James Johnston, youth activities chairman, was in charge of general arrangements.

JESSE DALEY, a Knight, presented a magician's act and gave a chalk talk following the performance. He drew caricatures of over 60 of the children. The Blue Notes' combo, whose services were donated by the American Federation of Musicians, played music for group singing and dancing.

President of Peru

Vatican City (NC) — Pope John XXIII will receive President Marcelo Prado y Ugarteche of Peru in an official audience on Feb. 24.

Students Feted At St. Patrick's

Corning — Fifteen colleges

were represented at a holiday

season buffet supper for Catholic college students served in St. Patrick's school hall.

## Collection Set In Lent To Aid Poor

Washington — (NC) — The 14th annual appeal for the worldwide overseas relief program of U.S. Catholics has been launched with emphasis on how curbing hunger and deprivation can help the cause of world peace.

The real set for the Catholic Bishops' Relief Fund Appeal is \$15,000,000. The drive begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, with a Lenten campaign in Catholic schools.

The week of March 20 to 27 will be observed in most of the nation's 16,500 Catholic churches at the time for local appeals with a special collection on Easter Sunday, March 27.

This was announced by Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati, chairman of the administrative board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the U.S. Bishops' voluntary coordinating agency.

IN A LETTER to the nation's Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops, Archbishop Alter said this year's drive is more important than ever for the success of Catholic Relief Services.

National Catholic Welfare Conference, the Bishops' relief agency,

"The hunger and deprivation that continue to exist in so many parts of the world and which, together with the refugee problem, must be alleviated if world peace is to be achieved, make the success of this year's appeal more important than ever," he said.

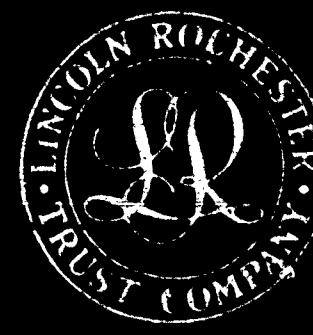
## Marine Rebuilds Colonial Church

Panapachel, Guatemala — (RNS) — Father Juan Manuel Amataga (upper left), a hulky 34-year-old Basque who had served in the Spanish Merchant Marine before studying for the priesthood, is directing reconstruction of this Spanish Colonial Church of San Andres Semetabaj in Panapachel, Guatemala. Earthquakes and jungle decay had left the sanctuary as little more than an ornate facade when Father Amataga succeeded in getting the Guatemalan government to declare the church a National Monument and share in the cost of its reconstruction. The church builder's story appears in the January issue of Jubilee, national Catholic picture magazine.

## Students Feted At St. Patrick's

O'Hara, Mrs. Angelina Puccio and Mrs. Joseph Ryan.

Following the supper the Rev. William Tobin delivered a message of welcome and the Rev. Fred Gorman, Mrs. William James Baker gave the blessing.



## A STATEMENT OF CONDITION

# of LINCOLN ROCHESTER TRUST COMPANY

as of the close of business December 31, 1959

## RESOURCES

Cash	\$ 33,198,199.94
U. S. Government Bonds*	9,493,282.55
Other Stocks and Bonds*	13,337,634.11
Loans*	168,559,274.78
Mortgages*	59,741,369.17
Banking Houses	6,193,410.94
Accrued Interest and Other Income Receivable	4,322,583.91
Other Assets	352,288.04
	\$399,643,243.42

\*Net after applying valuation reserves

## LIABILITIES

Deposits	\$364,201,006.19
Reserve for Interest and General Expense	803,353.04
Reserve for Federal Income and Other Taxes	1,033,678.64
Reserve for Unearned Discount	3,014,190.95
Dividends Declared and Payable February 1st	300,246.23
Capital Funds	30,090,671.35
Common Stock	\$10,351,500.00
Surplus	15,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	4,339,171.35
	\$399,643,243.42

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Assets	\$439,396,049.89
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