

H. J. Butler, Famed Church Designer, Dies

Herman J. Butler, a nationally known designer in stained glass, died May 20, 1961 leaving his artistic and spiritual imprint on numerous churches across the country, including many local ones.

The design and decoration of church interiors was Mr. Butler's area of special competence, he worked closely with architects all his life and acquired a reputation for authoritative judgment in matters of ecclesiastical design.

Surviving are his widow, Margaret Hyde Butler, and his sister, Mrs. T. F. Schufmehl. The home where the Butlers have lived for twenty years is a sobriety structure on Butler Road, on the west side of Canandaigua Lake.

Among many honors, Mr. Butler has won the Lillian Fairchild Award for outstanding creativity, given by the University of Rochester for his stained glass designs in Saint John the Evangelist Church.

Head of the fine arts design department in Mechanics Institute, now Rochester Institute of Technology, Mr. Butler taught for ten years. Among his students were many who have become well known in the field.

MR. BUTLER, assisted by his wife, operated his own concern in New York City for a time, after which he returned to Rochester. His work called him all over the country. He was a prodigious producer despite his high standards. Up to less than a month ago when he was hospitalized, he was still creating mosaic designs. His mosaic rendition of the 23rd psalm is the focal point of the Strong Memorial Chapel. The foyer of Catherine McAuley College contains a mosaic recently executed by Mr. Butler of Mother McAuley's words.

Rochester churches whose interiors he decorated include Saint Joseph, Saint Augustine, Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary, Immaculate Conception, Saint Mary's, Mount Carmel, and Saint Mary's of Canandaigua where Mr. Butler was a parishioner. He also decorated many other churches in the diocese and many non-Catholic churches in this city.

Churches in New York, Chicago, Cincinnati bear his imprint, as does Princeton University Chapel, and churches all over the New England States.

"He was a tremendous artist and an unflinching expert in artistic judgment," a colleague commented, "Mr. Butler would take the shell of a church from architect's blueprints and design the entire interior from altar to pews to rugs to stained glass windows."

He was buried in Calvary Cemetery following the funeral Mass in St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua. He was 79 years old.

Anti-Cleric Move Grows In Spain

Madrid — (RNS) — A survey conducted among 21,270 nominally Catholic workers in Madrid and five other Spanish cities was reported here to have disclosed that 19,205 of them—or a small fraction of over 90 per cent—had declared themselves to be "anti-clerical." Among those questioned, only 1,091 claimed that they were faithful in discharging their religious duties.

THE SURVEY was made by the religious adviser's department of an official workers organization. The cities outside Madrid which it covered were Valencia, Zaragoza, San Sebastian, Vigo and Valladolid.

Of the total number of workers interviewed 11,666, or just short of 55 per cent, stated that they were uninterested in religion, and almost exactly half the latter number (about 5,600) said they were "atheists."

Replies to the questionnaire revealed that 93.40 per cent of the 21,270 interrogated said they had no interest in other forms of the Christian religion. It also showed that a Spaniard, who was opposed to the Catholic Church had no inclination toward Protestantism.

End of Road For Tyrant

The man who sought but could not gain special Church honors died as he lived—in blood.

Dominican Republic dictator General Rafael Leonidas Trujillo, shot by assassins Wednesday, May 31, was long a storm center in the turbulent Caribbean area.

His 31 years as top man of his tiny country brought him into frequent clashes with Church authorities. Catholic bishops there charged a year ago he sought to control religious life in the same ruthless way he controlled civil life.

The dictator insisted he intended to protect the Church in his republic from foreign "fascist" clergy. He wanted the title "Defender of the Church" but never got it from either his own prelates or from the Vatican.



New Bowling Alleys Open

CUTTING THE RIBBON of the new bowling alleys at St. Boniface Parish is Auxiliary Bishop Casey with the Rev. Francis J. Taylor, pastor, at right; the Rev. Andrew W. Teuschel, left; Monsignor George A. Cocuzzi, and men of the parish.

Sports with Jack Fink

Tigers On Rampage

The Detroit Tigers, unaccustomed to first place, are playing like they want to stay there. By getting off to a fast start they have sent Detroit area fans into a frenzy.

Through last week the team batting average was .277. They were far ahead in runs scored and runs batted in while the pitching staff compiled a 3.37 batting average. In short, Detroit was doing exceedingly well, much to the surprise of everyone.

Stationed at first base, Norm Cash has socked the ball for a .353 average and 36 RBI's. Rookie infielders, Jake Wood and Steve Boros have been superb. Wood is a flashy fielder with power and Boros (.315) has developed into a leading

candidate for Rookie of the Year honors.

The outfield of Kaline (.311), Colovito and Bruton leaves little to be desired. Dick Brown, the No. 1 catcher, has been a steady hand for the pitchers. Frank Lary (7-2) and Jim Bunning have received plenty of mound help from young Phil Regan (5-1) and Don Massi (5-0).

JAKE GIBBS, the prize Mississippi U. athlete, signed last week with the New York Yankees for a figure reported to be in excess of \$100,000. The All-American football player will report to Richmond where it is expected he will play third base.

The 185 pound Gibbs is reported to be a speedster with good hitting and fielding potential. The only possible draw-

back is that his chief interest is football. A total of 33 scouts, representing all the major league clubs, were hot on the trail of this senior star.

The Yankees, by going sky-high for Gibbs, served notice that they are in the bonus-giving business with no holds barred. Gibbs is being paid the largest bonus of any Yankee ever.



As Graduation Nears

THREE OF THIRTY Nazareth College seniors who will be married this summer are from left: Kathy Sheehan, Joanne Schuh and Martha Jo Rotoll. The largest class in the 38 year history of the women's college will graduate Monday, June 5 at 4 p.m. at the East Ave. campus.

Camden's First Negro Priest

Camden, N.J. — (RNS) — The Diocese of Camden ordained its first Negro priest, the Rev. Hugh Stout, in ceremonies at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral here. He was among 18 seminarians ordained into the priesthood by Archbishop Celestine Damiano, Bishop of Camden.

FATHER STOUT was to offer his first solemn Mass on Sunday, May 28, at his home parish, Our Lady of Victory, Philadelphia Pa. The new priest spent 10 years at St. Mary's Seminary, Techy, Ill., a school operated by the Society of the Divine Word. He completed his theological study at the Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N.J.

Father Stout, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stout, also studied at St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia, did graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania and taught for a year in the Camden public schools.

Carmelite Plan New Monastery

Bettendorf, Iowa — (NC) — A Carmelite monastery will be established in Sioux City, Iowa, by a group of Discalced Carmelite nuns from the Bettendorf monastery.

MOTHER AGNES, prioress at Bettendorf, said she and the other nuns hope to move to the new monastery this fall. She also said that Bishop Joseph M. Mueller has given approval for establishment of the monastery. It will be located in the Morningside section of Sioux City.

Postal Increase Hits Churches

Washington, D.C.—(RNS)—Postmaster General J. Edward Day, pressing his campaign here for higher postal revenues, announced that rates for overseas air parcel post, Religious agencies supporting missionaries abroad will feel the impact of some of the increases.

The increase will take effect July 1.

THE POSTMASTER General has authority to establish international postal rates without consulting Congress. Particularly affected will be shipments of medicines and drugs which go by air to many missionaries serving in foreign countries.

Effect of the rate will depend on the country of destination and the size of the package. In some instances, larger packages will cost less than they do at present. For a few countries, the rate for smaller packages will be reduced, although in most instances there will be a substantial increase. And in the case of a few countries where present air parcel post rates are very high, the new rates will reflect a net reduction.

Typical examples of the new rates as compared with the present:

Colombia: The present rate of \$1.21 for the first ounce will be increased to \$1.82, but each additional four ounces will cost only 31 cents instead of 40 cents. Thus, very large packages will be a bit cheaper.

The Congo: The first four ounces which now cost \$1.38

will be raised to \$1.75, but each additional four ounces will cost 67 cents instead of 79 cents.

Ethiopia: The first four ounces will cost \$1.80 instead of \$1.34 and each additional four ounces 69 cents instead of 76 cents.

Finland: The present rate of 88 cents plus 51 cents for each additional four ounces will be increased to \$1.38 and 59 cents, making all packages more expensive.

Germany: The present rate of 95 cents for the first four ounces will be increased to \$1.34 and the 45-cent fee for each additional four ounces will be reduced to 44 cents.

Great Britain: The present rate of \$1 for the first four ounces will be increased to \$1.32 and the 41-cent fee for each additional four ounces, creased to 42 cents.

Haiti: Both rates go up, from 72 cents and 21 cents to \$1.43 and 22 cents.

Honduras: Both rates go up, from 78 cents and 28 cents to \$1.35 and 29 cents.

Hong Kong: Now subject to a very high rate, \$1.74 for the first four ounces and \$1.39 for each additional four ounces, both rates will go down to \$1.68 and 79 cents, respectively.

Burma: The rates, now highest in the world, will go down. The first four ounces will cost \$2.10 instead of \$2.15, and each additional unit 91 cents instead of \$1.51.

Vatican City: The first four ounces will be increased from \$1.08 to \$1.54 and each succeeding unit will cost 46 cents instead of 50 cents.

Traffic Court Conference Set

New York — (NC) — Some 75 law enforcement officials from the eastern U.S. and Canada will take part June 5-9 in the fifth annual regional traffic court conference at Fordham University.

The conference will be presented by the American Bar Association's Traffic Court Program and the Traffic Institute of Northwestern University in cooperation with the Fordham University School of Law.

Relationships between traffic problems and the courts, legal points involved in such offenses, and civil and criminal responsibility in accident cases will be among the major topics discussed.



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