



MOTHER AGNES CECILIA (left) and Sister Florentine, Assistant Mother General, greet school children on their recent visit to Brazil where the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Rochester Diocese will establish a mission next year. Shown with the Rochester nuns are Bishop Coscia and Franciscan Father Raphael of the Diocese.

Cowboys and Diamonds

Life In Brazilian Mission Where Our Nuns Will Labor

Visitors to the State of Goias are fascinated by the variety they find in the terrain—semi-mountainous in places, then rolling hills with scrub trees, then vast stretches of flat lands with deep grass. In spite of the long dry spells the countryside remains green. The rolling hills may remind New Yorkers of the Southern tier of their state; others coming upon the long stretches of flat lands think of the Midwest or the southwest of the U.S. — Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas. Others say the area is more like Ethiopia, or other parts of North Africa.

The fine sand that slows travel by road, and the rich red soil that turns to thick red dust where the earth is not covered with vegetation are also part of life in this vast state.

SOME SCENES here would remind a traveler only of a wild-west movie — cowboys (vaqueiros) driving hundreds of head of cattle along the road. Men with broad black hats, whips in hand, and hébrail on the back of their well-worn saddles bring to the mind of the North American the story of the West that is still repeatedly told in film, TV, and pocket books in the United States (and in Brazil, too). The Brazilian cattle are a type not well-known in North America—the Zebu—a hardy animal, the principal source of meat in Brazil, as well as the source of milk, cheese and butter in Goias.

They are large rangy animals with humped shoulders, but they show a meekness and tameness that is also different from the animals found in the plain regions of the United States. The motorists encounter small herds at frequent intervals ranging freely over the grasslands as well as resting in the middle of the roads at times, but the animals pay little heed to the oncoming vehicles and sometimes surrender the right-of-way only after the driver has slowed to a stop and insistently blared the horn.

Much of the federal highway in Goias has been in existence only two or three years, and this

road surface, for the major part, is only the sand or red dirt that is smoothed down by graders at irregular intervals. Travelers find their clothes, in their skin, their luggage, everything turned a rust color after a few hours on the road — except during the rainy season. But the big trucks that make regular trips along these roads from Sao Paulo to Canal Sao Simao to Jatal and other points in Goias, as well as the states so, keep the roads passable even in the rainy season. Buses, too, make regular daily trips from Mateira to Jatal, Jatal to Goiania, and between other cities in Goias and Matto Grosso.

This highway and these trucks are making a major contribution to the rapid growth of these states. They carry goods manufactured in Sao Paulo to the city and country dwellers, to make life healthier and more pleasant. The highway contributed almost solely to the creation of Canal Sao Simao three years ago, which was previously a part of Mateira.

The newer city is situated on the highway at the point where a new bridge was constructed three years ago to link Goias and Minas Gerais. It has grown from a few houses at that time to a population of 3,500 persons. Some of the men fish in the Paranaiba River which divides the two states and sell their catch through the local "frigorifico" where good size fish are kept on ice for sale. Fish up to 175 pounds have been reported caught here.

RECENT DIGGING into the rock formation on the Goias side of the river is also in evidence. "Men searching for diamonds" is the explanation.

But the diggings here are only an echo of the diamond rush that first brought "garimpeiros" (diamond hunters) by the thousands to this section of Goias in the early 1940's. In 1942, five thousand "garimpeiros" were living in tents around the site that is now Mateiros, which was then only part of a large ranch.

The first permanent house was built in 1943. Failing to find unlimited treasures, the fortune-hunters moved on, leaving behind the nucleus of a town that now numbers 5,000 inhabitants — fazendeiros, shopkeepers, farm workers, a few fishermen. The diamond rush is now history, but the belief lingers among some of the people that there are diamonds here under the river bed that is at one point at least 100 meters deep.

But the hope today of the people of Mateira, Canal Sao Simao, and the nearby town of Cocheira Alta is based on something more realistic than the hope of a diamond strike.

Fazendeiros of the area with the help of the Alliance for Progress are planning to build a meat packing plant which will provide more jobs, attract still more residents to the area and provide a better market for the principal produce of the region — the good red meat of the zebu.

Recently completed research also indicates that the application of lime and chemical fertilizers could convert the soil into profitable farm land.

Cattle raising is the principal industry of the region but rice, beans and coffee are also grown in quantities great enough for export. Corn is also grown, but only for local consumption. Lumber is plentiful in some areas, and the saw mills are

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the principal industry of Jatal, a city of about 14,000. Roofing tiles, floor tiles, brick iron work are also industries in Jatal that produce building materials.

THE LIST of fruits that can be found growing on farms, ranches or in backyards includes oranges, lemons, mangoes, lemons, pineapples, bananas, and avocados. Vegetables include sweet potatoes, carrots, tomatoes, lettuce, cauliflower, broccoli. None of these is widely cultivated or presently available in a plentiful supply in smaller towns. However, they can be successfully cultivated, experience has proven.

Lima CDA Plans Meeting

Court Fitzsimmons, C. D. A. 1189, will meet in the Lima Town Hall on Monday, March 30. Mrs. Helen Recktenwald, grand regent, will preside at the business meeting and arrangements for the annual banquet in April will be revealed.

A spaghetti supper will be served by the committee at 7 p.m. The committee consists of Mrs. Anita J. O'Connell, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Rebecca Hanrahan, Mrs. Harriet Menz, Mrs. Catherine Hagan, Mrs. Ethel McIntee and Miss Monica O'Connell.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Akin O. Adesola, who is a lecturer in surgery at the University of Lagos Medical School, Lagos, Nigeria. Dr. Adesola is on a Buxwell Fellowship this year at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and is doing research work in the Department of Surgery Research Laboratory. His lecture will be on "Nigeria — its Customs, Education and Government," and he will show slides of the country.

God is Mocked

CAROLINE YEAGER, eighth grader at Our Lady of Lourdes School, Rochester, was asked to give her interpretation of Holy Week. On completing the crayon drawing reproduced above, Caroline said: "I drew this picture because I think that this part of the Pas-

son — the Crowning with Thorns — must have been one of the worst mockeries to Christ." Caroline, 13, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Yeager, 33 Ledgerrock Lane.

Saviour's Resurrection To Be Celebrated

Traditional observance of the Saviour's Resurrection will take place in churches of the Diocese of Rochester with age-old ceremonies and stirring church music.

Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Solemn Pontifical Mass, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Easter Sunday at 11 a.m.

Holy Saturday, a day of waiting will be marked in the Cathedral with Easter Vigil Service including Blessing of the New Fire, Paschal Candle and Baptismal Vows, Litany of the Saints at 7:30 p.m.

Bishop Casey will celebrate Solemn Pontifical Mass of the Easter Vigil at 8:45 p.m.

A dispensation from fast and abstinence has been given by Bishop Kearney for Holy Saturday for Catholics in the Rochester Diocese.

Music for Palm Sunday's Pontifical Mass, for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil services and for the Easter Sunday Pontifical Mass is being furnished by St. Bernard's Seminary, nationally-known choir. Rev. Robert Smith is choir director. Frank Pilecki, Cathedral organist. Students of St. Bernard's Seminary will also partake in the ceremonies.

All parish churches will conduct similar rites. Parish bulletins should be consulted for precise times of services.

Auburn Legion of Mary Plans 'Aeies' Service

Auburn Curia of the Legion of Mary will hold its "Aeies" service at St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, April 5 at 4 p.m. The following praesidia make up the Auburn Curia:

Gate of Heaven, St. John's Church, Clyde; Star of the Sea, St. Francis Church, Geneva; Mary, Queen of the Rosary, St. Stephen's Church, Geneva; Queen of Angels, St. Michael's, Newark; Our Lady of Hope, St. Mary's Church, Watseco; Queen of the Holy Family, Holy Family Church, Auburn; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sacred Heart Church, Auburn; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn.

Pre-Cana Series Set In Ithaca

Ithaca—A series of Pre-Cana Conferences will be co-sponsored by Our Lady's Guild and the Tompkins-Tioga Deanery of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at Immaculate Conception School, Ithaca during the four Sundays of April.

All couples planning to be married are being invited. Information is available from Mrs. Russell Simone, AR 3-0279 or Mrs. Ray Orzell, LN 4-3394.

Pre-School Children Invited for Blessing

Babies and pre-school children of Monroe County will be blessed at Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday, April 5, 3 to 5 p.m.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, Cathedral rector, will confer the blessing and give each child a blessed medal.

Fr. Robert McNamara, April Friday Speaker

Rev. Robert F. McNamara, professor of church history and lecturer on Christian art at St. Bernard's Seminary will be the First Friday Luncheon Club speaker, April 3, Chairman Donald E. Woerner of the Knights of Columbus sponsoring committee announced today.

The luncheon at 12:10 p.m. in Hotel Sheraton is open to Catholic men who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday. Co-chairman Raymon L. Nary said.

Father McNamara's topic will be "How Not To Write A Diocesan History." He will be presented by Rev. William B. Holberton, club moderator and chaplain of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus.

Father McNamara is the author of "A Century of Grace," the history of St. Mary's Church, Corning, and "The North American College in Rome," an 858 page volume.

HE HAS WRITTEN many historical articles for the Catholic Historical Review and other magazines and the Courier Journal, the most recent being ac-

Two To Receive Religious Habit

Two young women of St. Joseph's Parish will receive the habit of the Sister Servants of the Immaculate on Saturday, April 25, in ceremonies at Mount Mary Novitiate, Ancaster, Ontario.

They are: Sister Mary Joachim, the former Catherine Sanagurski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sanagurski, 26 Buonomo St., and Sister Mary Martin, the former Rose Mary Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Roman, 181 Herald St.

Anyone interested in making the trip for the investiture ceremony should contact St. Joseph's Rectory, HA 6-5952, or the Convent, HA 6-0458.



FATHER McNAMARA


counts of Catholics in the Civil War.

Father McNamara was ordained in the chapel of the North American College in Rome, Dec. 8, 1939. His early studies were made at St. Mary's School, Corning, Free Academy, Georgetown University and Harvard University graduate school before going to the North American College in Rome.

Before being assigned to the seminary faculty in 1938, he was assistant pastor at St. Francis Xavier and Annunciation churches and was associate editor of the Courier Journal and chaplain of St. Ann's Home.



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