

### At Good Counsel College

## Bishop Blesses Cornerstone

Bishop Kearney last Sunday blessed the cornerstones of two new buildings on the campus of Good Counsel College, where he taught theology for four years, prior to his appointment as Bishop of Salt Lake.

The buildings were called the Madonna Library and the Leo I. Kearney sports building. The latter was named to honor the Bishop's brother, Dr. Leo I. Kearney, who taught at the college and novitate for almost forty years.

**BISHOP KEARNEY'S** talk for that occasion follows.

My dear Friends, I am deeply grateful for the privilege of officiating at this ceremony, and blessing the cornerstone of the new buildings on the campus, the Madonna Library and the Leo I. Kearney Sports Building. In choosing the name for a college building, there are many appropriate approaches to the selection. One might well choose the names of some of the great educational figures of history.

A Christian College might well choose the name of some of our saints whose scholarship has enlightened the pages of our theology. In these days in which we witness such a decadence in literary taste, a library might well choose the name of one of the great masters of the English language. A sports building might well bear the name of one of the great leaders in American tradition for sportsmanship.

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The naming, however, of these buildings whose cornerstones we bless seems to have been dictated by a deep sense of gratitude, and admirable foundation for any work. The founders of this institution have already been honored in Preston and Aloysia Halls. They were the ones who had the dream which their successors have made a reality. Their works live after them and their dreams lives on in the halls dedicated to them. The poet has expressed their story in his lines:

"Let me dream as of old, by the river  
And be loved for my dreams,  
always  
For the dreamer lives on  
forever  
The worker dies in a day."

To the Mother of God, Madonna Hall is our act of gratitude. When this college was founded over forty years ago, it was dedicated to her under the title of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Under the kindly care of this great Mother, the college has advanced, year by year, and now thousands call her Alma Mater, for that, indeed, she has been in the finest sense of the word.

But the library is now her special care, where she can direct the thought and the reading of her children, and where like every responsible mother, she will endeavor to see that the printed word will never sully the souls of her children, where every student will never lose sight of the presence of the immaculate Mother of God watching over her shoulder as she opens each volume. How very much we need a dedication to her ideals in the present day. Our gratitude to her is eloquent now in permanent stone.

There is something deeply personal in the invitation to dedicate this building to my brother, Leo Kearney. Shortly after the opening of Good Counsel College, Fordham University, where he was a teacher in the School of Education, recommended him to this college to undertake the course in Education. Until illness, a few years ago, terminated his association with this school, his devotion to it was a consecrated apostleship.

As every teacher and every pupil knew, it became part of his life, he became a father in a unique way to every student who studied here, so that long after their days at Good Counsel were only happy memories, they still raise his door when the problems of life came too heavy to fight alone, to ask the help of a mind and heart whose sincerity they knew only too well.

I know that it is a token of gratitude that the college has placed his name on this building on the campus that he loved, and where he was loved, that future generations may remember that he passed this way in his name may I express the gratitude which I know he feels in his heart, for this great honor.

### John G. Popp Requiem Held

Funeral Mass for John G. Popp was offered by Rev. Elmer McDonald in St. Augustine Church, Nov. 20. Mr. Popp, 106 Thendale, Ter died Tuesday, Nov. 17. He was ten maker for more than 50 years at Bausch and Lomb Co.

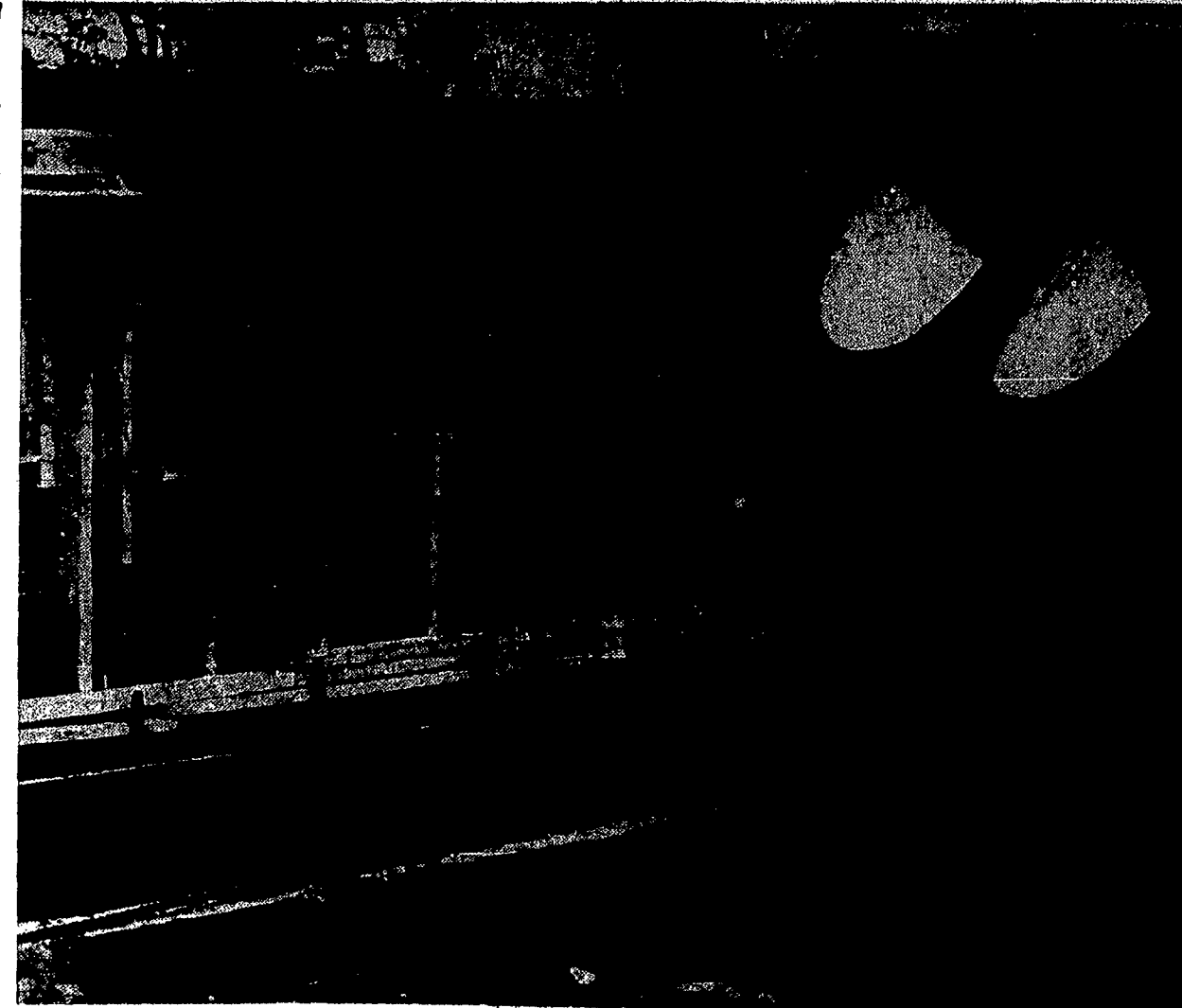
Mr. Popp was a member of St. Augustine's Holy Name Society. Surviving are his wife, Rose Zorn Popp, one son, John C. Popp Jr., one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Ruth) Smith; four grandchildren including Sister Beata, S.S.J., several nieces and nephews.

Rev. Michael Reagan gave the blessing at the grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Joseph A. Murphy Funeral Home, Chili Ave.

### Open House Program Held

Auburn — An open house program was held at St. Francis School Mother M. Rosline, U.M., principal, nuns and lay teachers welcomed about 325 parents.

The program for the evening consisted of a discussion on home roll requirements and an entitled "Your Child's Mental Health." Audio an usual teaching aids were shown to the parents. Classroom visitation followed.



### New Convent Begins To Rise In Elmira

**TWO ORIGINAL STAFF MEMBERS** of Elmira's ten-year-old Notre Dame High School, Sister Mary Carmela and Sister Mary Jeanne, view the beginnings of the new Notre Dame Convent on lower Maple Street. The convent will be built in two phases for completion in the spring and fall of 1965. Haskell and Connor are architects.

## Book Sees Catholics at Crossroads

London — (RNS) — Observers here say one of the bitterest religious controversies in modern times has begun in Britain following publication of criticism by seven Roman Catholics of various aspects of the Church.

The seven outline their views in "Objections to Roman Catholicism," described as a "momentous book of vital importance to all Christians," which was published Nov. 2.

The Observer, in a full-page article, said it is "likely to start a storm of debate both inside the Catholic world and outside." The Guardian, one of Britain's most influential daily dailies, devoted over half a page to a review which said "if it is true that Roman Catholicism as a whole could never be the same after (Pope) John, it is also true that the Church in England in its present form will not survive 'Objections.'"

Two leading Catholic news columns in the Catholic Herald and the Mirror, also published their views and articles on the controversial volume.

**THE SEVEN** contributing authors are Archbishop Thomas Roberts, S.J., former Archbishop of Bombay, a noted speaker on birth control and the Church's attitude toward war; Magdalen Goffin, noted scholar and daughter of E. I. Watkins, one of the foremost Catholic historians and writers of this generation; John M. Todd, author of many books including a biography of Martin Luther; Frank Roberts, a senior lecturer in education and psychology at St. Mary's Catholic College, near London; Professor H. P. R. F. F. head of the department of English local history at Leicester University; Rosemary Haughton, journalist and wife of a public school master; and G. F. Pollard, philosopher and essayist.

A foreword is provided by Michael de Bedoyes, longtime editor of the Catholic Herald who publishes an independent Christian newsletter called Search. He wrote: "Objections to Roman Catholicism could never have been conceived and written by Roman Catholics, least of all in England, a country, but for Pope John's appointment or bringing the Catholic Church up to date. That great and revolutionary Pope's freedom has today become the freedom of seriously thinking and inquiring Roman Catholic writers."

"Some of the views expressed in this book will be violently criticized by many of our clergy and laity, but unless the growing number of fully educated, spiritually and morally puzzled Catholics speak out, religion will remain, despite the Vatican Council, cut off from the changing world in which we live."

Regarded as the most controversial chapter is Mrs. Goffin's "Superstition and Credulity."

Referring to the Catholic Church's traditional views on hell, she wrote:

"In the past all Christians believed in hell in principle and enjoyed describing it in terms of grisly and crude as those employed by many Roman Catholics today. When enough people realized that, whatever the doctrine which repudiated, a doctrine which implied that the Creator is less good than the creature must be false, then that doctrine has to be abandoned. Not without hesitation and quibbles, however, for

the price of the abandonment should be presented as legitimate. Rome is not yet prepared to pay it.

"Faithful to her view of revelation, she constantly preaches what she has received. In whatever imagery it is clothed, the existence of hell is still taught as part of the faith without accepting which no Catholic can see God—a god whom, if he believed what he was told, no one in his senses would wish to see. Nor, apart from some pitiful efforts here and there to minimize the number of the lost, has she tried to dilute its significance."

Mrs. Goffin also attacked the Church's teaching on Baptism. In practice the Roman Church is the only considerable communion left in the West to go teaching that unbaptized babies and young children are possessed by the devil that they are incapable of the Beatific Vision.

"It would be idle to pretend that the ordinary Catholic gives a moment's thought to the souls of Neanderthal infants playing with bones in the dimness of some semi-celestial cave but they are terrified of condemning their own children to Limbo, and of themselves being separated from them for ever. So priests successfully hustle babies to the font, they baptize embryos, fetuses, and still-born infants, cause enormous and superstitious distress to parents by refusing Christian burial to those who have escaped their attentions, and flip over their heads manuals to find out, in cases of malpresentation, if Baptism on the leg is sufficient to ensure eternal life." Mrs. Goffin, also claimed that the beauty of the Catholic sacramental ritual has been degraded into "superstition" and held that the Church has an "obsession" with its rules.

Her contribution evoked sharp comment from the Catholic press. Father Charles Davis wrote in the Catholic Herald: "Personally, I dislike the essay very much. Its irreverent arrogance makes me angry. But it cannot be dismissed out of hand. Popular Catholic belief and practice does often fall over the edge into superstition and credulity. The author knows the areas that need purification and correction. She must be given credit for her choice of targets."

Another writer in The Universe said: "It is unfortunate that Mrs. Goffin's barrage should open the book, for the rest of the contributors are out to heal, not to kill." Further on, the reviewer said:

"It is regrettable that, of its nature, the book cannot present a much more balanced picture of Catholicism, with the imperfections shown to scale against the immensity of its virtues. It is also regrettable that Magda-

len Goffin's extreme views should be presented as legitimate. Instead of the ordinary faithful, destructive demolition which, in fact, they are."

Another Catholic layman represented in the book is John Todd, whose section is entitled "The Worldly Church: Political Bias." He charged that the Church, in accepting its involvement in the world, has institutionalized itself in it. "Canon Law has been put in the place of the truth and charity of the Gospel," he said. "In the place of moral conscience stand rules and ecclesiastical authority."

Archbishop Robert's article largely reiterates his often expressed liberal views on contraception and his firm stand against nuclear war. As Father Davis wrote in the Catholic Herald: "Basically, his article is a plea for further clarification, and insistence that these two problems have not been fully faced and answered."

"Unfortunately, the arguments he brings forward in his support are handled badly. He thus lays himself open to the charge of irresponsibility, especially in regard to the papal declarations. But his great virtue is that he has with honesty and courage, voiced a questioning that others share but have not dared to utter."

"Many Catholics will be upset by the book," Father Davis added. "Some are as yet unprepared for its questioning and outspokenness. They will be distressed by what seems to them the disloyalty of its writers to the Church and the faith."

"Others, chiefly bishops and in their Church."

priests, will be worried about the disturbing effect it may have on the ordinary faithful. These may not read it for themselves, but they will hear much about it. . . . Whatever our criticism of the result, we should admit the validity of the enterprise and the sincerity of the authors. To dismiss the book as the work of a bunch of disloyal Catholics would be a blatant injustice."

The Guardian reviewer said that "the English hierarchy may try to dismiss 'Objections' as the work of a subversive clique. This is far from the truth." He then predicted that a struggle will develop in the Catholic Church but with irregular lines. "On one side, are the educated laymen who dare to say what they think openly, with the approval of priests (mostly in the religious orders) who feel for the moment able to make no more than helpful noises off-stage."

"On the other is an hierarchy which is as reactionary as they come; a few old Catholic families which pride themselves on never having lost the faith and which seem more intent on the canonization of the English Martyrs than the progress of the 'ecumenical movement'; plus the bulk of the parish priesthood which is Irish in origin."

"Somewhere in between," he claimed, "are the mass of the laity, unaccustomed to anything but dutiful response to orders from above, ill-equipped intellectually to reconcile faith with the other gifts that God has given them, and tragically bewildered by the imminent rift in their Church."

### Pope Names Americans To Academy of Science

Vatican City (NC) — Pope Paul VI has named nine new members to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, including two Americans and one Canadian. They are: Professor Veikko A. Heiskanen, director of the Geodesic Institute of the State University; Professor William Wilson Moran, director of Yerkes Observatory; Williams Bay, Wis., and Professor Gerhard Herzberg, director of the physics section of the Canadian National Council of Research.

Jean Lecomte, director of the physical research laboratory at the Sorbonne, Paris; Pierre-Raphael Tepine, director of the Virus Department, Pasteur Institute, France; Manuel Lora Tamayo, professor of organic chemistry, Madrid University; Salim-Uz-Zaman Siddiqui, professor of organic chemistry and director of Pakistan's National Council of Scientific Research; Felix Andreis Vening-Meinesz, Senior Citizens.

New Orleans — (NC) — The Pennsylvania Hotel here is under new management. The Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm have taken it over and will turn it into Florida's first retirement hotel for 300 senior citizens.

The service has already started operating in Augsburg, Frankfurt and Wiesbaden. The ministry believes that about 1,000 people a month will use this new service.

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