



PRIEST-PAINTER Father Herman Siebert, O.F.M. Conv., holds up a copy of his order's magazine which featured his chapel triptych on a recent cover.

In-Brazil Parish

Franciscan Combines Preaching and Painting

A Conventual Franciscan priest with artistic talent manages to combine his vocation and his avocation in the gaucho country of southwest Brazil. Rochester-born Father Herman Siebert, O.F.M. Conv., has done most of the art work for the parish church of Sao Luiz de Congaza where he is stationed. His most ambitious work is a colorful triptych, describing the Legend of Sao Luiz.

(Local tradition records an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to a gaucho in the year 1854. Father Siebert's painting pictures that scene.) Father Siebert is presently home on vacation visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman C. Siebert of 808 Meigs St. He is a graduate of St. Boniface school and attended St. Andrew's seminary before joining the Conventual Franciscans.

Although he has had no formal instruction in painting, the easy-going missionary began his brush-work in seminary days as a hobby.

"When I was ordained in 1945, I gave my painting gear to another student, feeling that there would be no time for it in the future," he said.

But a year after his assignment to Brazil (in 1946), he happened to visit a convent school in a city not far from Sao Luiz. The nuns showed him around, stopping finally at the art room.

"When the pungent odor of turpentine and the familiar scent of linseed oil and paint struck my nostrils, a nostalgia for painting came over me," he smiled reminiscently.

Two days later back at his mission post, he started painting again and, in his spare time, has kept at it ever since.

In 1952, his superior was designing a new chapel for the little mission. He asked Father Siebert if he'd like to try a mural behind the main altar. Of course he would! And the handsome triptych soon began to appear on the wall.

He also did the Stations of the Cross for the chapel, and in an adjoining chapel used by the friars, a three-panel painting of the Glories of Mary, done in imitation of the Old Italian school.

"Painting has made me more observant of the beauty that God has lavished on nature," the sandy-haired priest said when he visited the Courier-Journal office last week.

That such painting has an apostolic value as well was cited by St. Gregory the Great centuries ago. He wrote: "Words can and do move people. Art and painting move the ignorant and those who cannot easily understand."

Advisors Warned
Bogota (NC)—Luis Cardinal Concha of Bogota has warned priests serving as advisors to Catholic labor unions that they must limit their activities strictly to problems involving Catholic doctrine and morals, and abstain from intervening in purely labor union matters.

Friars' Fields



LEGEND IN PAINTING. A larger reproduction of Father Siebert's "Legend of Sao Luiz." The original mural is on the wall behind the main altar of his Brazilian mission church.

John Curran Named Pinnacle SL Head

John J. Curran who is owner and operator of John J. Curran Funeral Home, 535 Oxford St., is the new president also of Pinnacle Savings and Loan Association.

Curran succeeds Harry A. Trentman who became board chairman. Clayton F. Kaul was re-elected vice president. George J. Knapp Jr. is the new operations manager of the S&L.

Mathias J. Kuebel, purchasing agent of Taylor Instrument Co. was elected a director. The association ended 1964 with \$3,944,315 in savings accounts.

The Date Book

Dinner Listed

At Bishop Kearney High School cafeteria, Kings Highway, a spaghetti dinner, Sunday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. Members of the Mother's and Father's Club at the school will combine in conducting the dinner. Mrs. Louise Mackenzie and Stanley Dauphinee are chairmen of the dinner.

Fete Daughters

Notre Dame Women's Organization is planning a Mother-Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show, Saturday, Feb. 13 at Spring House. Mrs. John Andrews and Mrs. John Rodgers, co-chairmen. Children's fashions to be modeled by the Misses Rita Dollard, Karen Booth, Kathy O'Connell, Nanette Krause, Frances, and Margaret Rose Burke, Katie Reeves, Joan Hanna, Maria Krause, Debbie Andrews and Patricia Kenney. Fashions by Danor's of Pittsford Plaza.

Record Dance

Rochester Catholic Adult Club to celebrate Valentine's Day with record dance, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 14, Knights of Columbus Clubrooms, 50 Chestnut St. followed by buffet supper. Dancing to start at 4 p.m. Buffet at 8 p.m. Gordon Vogt is chairman. Price for dance and buffet, \$2.25 per person.

Benefit Party

Alhambra Ladies Benefit Card Party, Tuesday, Feb. 16 in Knights of Columbus Clubrooms, 50 Chestnut St., 1 p.m. for benefit of School of the Holy Childhood. Mrs. Philip F. Hafner, chairman assisted by Mrs. Emmet O'Neill, Mrs. Nelson Owen, table prizes; Mrs. Emmett Schnopp, cards.

Hat Sale

Spring Hat Sale to be held by Catholic Women's Club at club house, 215 Alexander St. from two to nine, Thursday, Feb. 18. Refreshments. Club members and their friends are invited "to stop in, have a chat with friends and buy a spring hat at a surprising price." Mrs. Frederick M. Van Strydock, chairman.

Buffet Sunday

A Valentine Buffet is being planned by Loyola Council to greet new and old members, Sunday, Feb. 14. It will be preceded by Benediction at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Joseph Aman, general chairman lists a unique variety hour. She will be assisted by the Mesdames Russell Dalba, George Lutes, John Podsiadlo, Thomas Garvey, James Connolly, Lawrence Bufano, Thomas Dedell. Reservations are being made with Mrs. Aman BE 5-1854, Mrs. Garvey, GI 2-9039, Mrs. Bufano, CO 6-2549.

Fashion Show

Annual fashion show to be presented by McQuaid Mother's Club, Wednesday, Feb. 17, 8 p.m. in McQuaid Jesuit High School Auditorium. Spring and Cruise Fashions to be shown by Flah's department store of Pittsford Plaza. Miss Louise Wilson, WHAM Women's Editor and Courier Journal columnist will be fashion commentator. Models will be chosen from Mother's Club members. A preview of

Spring furs will also be shown by Madelon's of Manger Hotel. Butterfly was chosen as the decorating theme signifying the beauty and color of Spring. Table decorations will include the spring, flower and butterfly theme. Mrs. Bruce Carson and Mrs. Anthony Comparato, co-chairmen are assisted by Mesdames John Nally, tickets; Howard Hodges and Thomas Decker, hostesses; Richard Mack, refreshments; Norman Siewert, door; Joseph Diane, ushers. Refreshments after the show.

Merimacs

Usual get-together of Merimacs to take place Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 1 p.m., Knights of Columbus clubrooms second floor, Columbus Civic Center, 50 Chestnut St. Coffee and snacks to be served.

Book Review

Mrs. Alfred G. Boylan, wife of a Rochester attorney and vice president and trustee of Friends of the Rochester Public Library to review current best seller "Reactor of Justin" by Louis Auchincloss at Catholic Women's Club Business Women's Group, Feb. 23. Supper to be served at 6:30 p.m. by Miss Alma Keller, chairman and her committee.

Aid Missions

Catholic Mission Guild to sponsor a card party, Wednesday, Feb. 17 at Sibley's 6th floor auditorium at 1 p.m. Mrs. Walter Seleski, honorary chairman invites all members and their friends. Mrs. Willard Wakefield, chairman; tickets, Mrs. Alfred Croft; table prizes, Mrs. Gilbert Erns. Next guild meeting Monday, March 8, Columbus Civic Center. Rosary in chapel at 8 p.m. before meeting.

ND Matmen Take Wins

Notre Dame wrestlers added two wins to their record during the first week of February, defeating Binghamton Catholic 34-18 on Feb. 3 and topping Clifton Springs 36-14 on Feb. 6.

Hamilton scored a pin with 10 seconds left in his match against Tiltlaugh of Binghamton, for his seventh win in eight matches this season. Pins were also scored by Lyman, DeBasio, Coggins and Comeraski, in the Binghamton match.

Hamilton added another victory against Clifton Springs by a pin at 148 lbs. Kevin O'Buckley scored his first pin of the season for ND with a pin at 108 lbs. Gary Murdaugh and Joe Buffalini notched other ND pins in the Clifton Springs match.

In JV action, Notre Dame prevailed 23-3.

With a 3-7 record behind them and showing improvement in each match, Notre Dame wrestlers take on North Penn. Addison and Elmira Free Academy matmen to finish out the month of February.

Larry Hamilton, leading wrestler for the Crusaders, has an overall record of 18 victories in 19 matches during his two Club members. A preview of years on the team.



New Flag for St. Patrick's

A FLAG, that recently flew over the nation's capital in Washington, D.C., has been presented to St. Patrick's School, Mt. Morris. It was obtained by a former Mt. Morris resident, Peter LaBarbera of Hyattsville, Md., through a request to Maryland Congressman Carlton R. Sliker and architect J. George Stewart of the Capital Building. The flag is now flown daily from the flag pole on the school lawn on Stanley Street. Anthony LaBarbera, left, presents flag on behalf of his brother, Sister M. Jonathan, S.S.J., school principal and the Rev. Dominic Grasso, pastor, look on. (Photo by Steve Runfola.)

Sisters Feted By Geneva Units

Geneva — Rosary Societies of St. Stephen's and St. Francis de Sales parishes cosponsored a shower and entertainment program for the Sisters of De Sales High School on Wednesday, Feb. 3, in the St. Stephen's School hall.

Mrs. ELAISE DOLAN, vice president, welcomed the guests in the absence of the president, Mrs. Rita Woodbury, of St. Stephen's Rosary Society.

The Rev. Richard Hart, chaplain at De Sales High, introduced the Sisters of the high school staff to members and guests.

Mrs. Loretta Linehan was fashion commentator for a unique style show which was a feature of the entertainment. Ed McCarthy provided appropriate music for the event.

Humorous and original creations were modeled by members of both parishes.

Models were Mrs. Eleanor Bryan, Mrs. Janet Salome, Mrs. Marge Tyler, Mrs. Helen Martino, Mrs. Eleanor Cooney, Mrs. Anna Marie Hastings, Mrs. Zila

Linehan, Mrs. Virginia DiAugustino, Mrs. Joan Lawler, Mrs. Dorothy Walker, Mrs. Kay Kellen, Mrs. Ann Miltz.

St. Stephen's hall was decorated in a Valentine theme for the event. After the program lunch was served. Mrs. Dorothy Walker and Mrs. Joan Lawler and their bands, together with the officers of St. Francis Rosary Society, were in charge of arrangements.

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Solemn Funeral Mass for Miss Helen L. Burns was offered in Holy Apostles Church, Feb. 1. Miss Burns 81, of 68 Myrtle St., a retired public school teacher died Jan. 29, 1965, at St. Ann's Home after a long illness.

The Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Monsignor J. Emmett Murphy assisted by Rev. Edward E. Steinkirchner, deacon and Rev. M. Gerard Hafner, subdeacon.

Miss Burns, a lifelong Rochesterian, had been a teacher for more than 45 years. Her father, Michael Burns, was a Union veteran of the Civil War.

Surviving are her cousins, Miss Betsy M. Laragy, Mrs. Edward J. Rigney, Sr. and Norman W. Laragy.

Blessing was given by Father Hafner at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Henry D. Halloran Son Funeral Home, Arnett Blvd.

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