PRIEST-PAINTER Father Herman Siebert, O.F.M. Conv., holds up a copy of his order's magazine whichfeatured 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 words, to do good and to know art work for the parish church the things that are of God." of Sao Luiz de Conzaga where he is stationed. His most ambi-seem like two widely separated nacle Savings and Loan Associ-tious work is a colorful trip-talents, but this genial Francis-ation. tych, describing the Legend of can has managed to combine

(Local tradition records an in the missions. 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 for mal 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 assign ment to Brazil (in 1946), he happened to visit a convent school in a city not far from Sec Luis. The nuns showed him around, stepping-finally at the

"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 Chandsome 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

"Painting has made me more

apostolic value as well was cited by St. Gregory the Great centuries ago. He wrote:

move the ignorant and those who cannot easily understand

#### Advisors Warned

Bogota (NC)—Luis Cardinal guests.

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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 Gurran Named Pinnacle SL Head

Painting and preaching may is the new president also of Pin- ations manager of the S&L.

John, J. Curran who is owner; chairman. Clayton F. Kaul was and operator of John J. Curran re-elected vice president. George Funeral Home, 535 Oxford St., J. Knapp Jr. is the new oper-

them fruitfully in his 19 years them fruitfully in his 19 years in the missions.

Curran succeeds Harry A sociation ended 1964 with for benefit of School of the man invites all members and in the missions.

Trentman who became board \$3,944,315 in savings accounts. Holy Childhood. Mrs. Philip F their friends. Mrs. Willard the missions.



## 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 Carlion 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

# Sisters Feted By Geneva Units

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.

Geneva — Rosary Societies of St. Stephen's and St. Linehan, Mrs. Virginia DiAugtertainment program for the Sisters of De Sales High
School on Wednesday, Feb. 3,
in the St. Stephen's School hall.

Humorous and original are

St. Stephen's hall was done.

MRS. ELOISE DOLAN, vice ations were modeled by mem-rated in a Valentine theme for resident, welcomed the guests bers of both parishes. president, welcomed the guests bers of both parishes.

in the absence of the president, words can and do move Mrs. Rita Woodbury, of St. people art and painting Stephen's Rosary Society.

lain at De Sales High, introduced the Sisters of the high school staff to members and

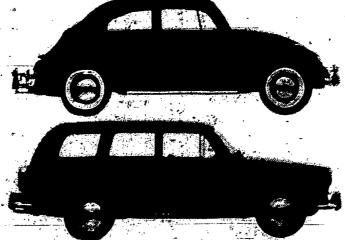
Mrs. Loretta Linehan was priate music for the event.

Bella Maria

lunch was served. Mrs. Dormodels were Mrs. Eleanor othy Walker and Mrs. Joan Bryan, Mrs. Janet Salone, Mrs. Lawler and their bands, togeth-Stephen's Rosary Society.

The Rev. Richard Hart, chapair at De Salone High intro-

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#### Dinner Listed

At Bishop Kearney High Butterfly was chosen as the dec- Home after a long illness. School cafeteria, Kings High orating theme signifying the beauty and color of Spring. the Mother's and Father's Club the spring flower and butterfly

Fete Daughters Notre Dame Women's Organ door; Joseph Diane, ushers. Re-

ization is planning a Mother-freshments after the show. Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show, Saturday, Feb. 13 at pring House. Mrs. John Andrews and Mrs. John Rodgers, cochairmen. Children's fashions to be modeled by the Misses macs to take place Wednesday, Rita Dollard Karen Rooth Feb. 17 at 1 p.m., Knights of Rita Dollard, Karen Booth,
Kathy O'Connell, Nanette
Krause, Frances, and Margaret
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Columbus clubrooms, second
floor, Columbus Civic Center,
50 Chestnut St. Coffee and
snacks to be served. Andrews and Patricia Kenney. ashions by Danor's of Pittsford

#### Record Dance

Rochester Catholic Adult Friends of the Rochester Public Club to celebrate Valentine's Day with record dance, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 14, Knights of Columbus Clubrooms, 50 Chest. Women's Club Business Women's Knights of Louis Auchincless at Catholic Columbus Clubrooms, 50 Chest. Women's Club Business Women's Knights of Louis Auchincless at Catholic Romanus St. followed by buffet superiors Group, Feb. 23. Supper to the served at 6.30 p.m. by Missiness Romanus R per. Dancing to start at 4 p.m. be served at 6:30 p.m. by Miss buffet at 8 p.m. Gordon Vogt Alma Keller, chairman and her is chairman. Price for dance committee. and buffet, \$2.25 per person.

#### Benefit Party

Alhambra Ladies Benefit sponsor a card party, Wednes-Mathias J. Kuebel, purchasing Card Party, Tuesday, Feb. 16 day, Feb. 17 at Sibley's 6th agent of Taylor Instrument Co. in Knights of Columbus Club-floor auditorium at 1 p.m. Mrs. was elected a director. The as-rooms, 50 Chestnut St., 1 p.m. Walter Seleski, honorary chair Hafner, chairman assisted by Wakefield, chairman; tickets, Mrs. Emmet O'Neill, door; Mrs. Mrs. Alfred Croft; table prizes, Nelson Owen, table prizes; Mrs. Mrs. Gilbert Ernst. Next guild Emmett Schnepp, cards. meeting Monday, March 8, Co-

#### Hat Sale

Spring Hat Sale to be held by Catholic Women's Club at club ND Matmen house, 215 Alexander St. from two to nine, Thursday, Feb. 18. Refreshments, Club members Take Wins and their friends are invited "to stop in, have a chat with friends and buy a spring hat at two wins to their record during a surprising price." Mrs. Frederick M. Van Stryndock, chair-feating Binghamton Catholic 34-18 on Feb. 3 and topping Clifton Springs 36-14 on Feb. 6.

#### Buffet Sunday

A Valentine Buffet is being 10 seconds left in his match planned by Loyola Council to against Tillataugh of Binghamgreet new and old members, ton, for his seventh win in eight Sunday, Feb. 14. It will be pre-matches this season. Pins were ceded by Benediction at 5:30 also scored by Lyman, DeBlasio, p.m. Mrs. Joseph Aman, gen-Coggins and Comercial, in the chairman lists a unique Binghamton match.

variety hour. She will be assisted by the Mediumes Russell Hamilton added another vication of the chairman Dalba, George Imes, John Podsi-tory against Clifton Springs by adlo, Thomas Garvey, James a pin at 148 lbs Kevin O'Buck-Connolly, Lawrence Bufano, ley scored his first pin of the Thomas Dedell. Reservations season for ND with a pin at 168 are being made with Mrs. Aman lbs. Gary Murdaugh and Joe BE 5-1854, Mrs. Garvey, GI 2-Buffalin notched other ND pins in the Clifton Springs match. 9039, Mrs. Bufano, CO 6-2549.

#### Fashion Show

Annual fashion show to be With a 3-7 record behind presented by McQuald Mother's them and showing improvement Club, Wednesday, Feb. 17, 8 in each match, Notre Dame p.m. in McQuaid Jesuit High wrestlers take on North Penn, School Auditorium. Spring and Addison and Elmira Free Acad-Cruise Fashions to be shown by emy matmen to finish out the Flah's department store of Pitts-month of February. ford Plaza. Miss Louise Wilson,

WHAM Women's Editor and Larry Hamilton, leading Courier Journal columnist will wrestler for the Crusaders, has be fashion commentator. Models an overall record of 18 victories will be chosen from Mother's in 19 matches during his two Club members. A preview of years on the team.

# Taught 45 Years

Solemn Funeral Mass for Miss Helen L. Burns was offered in Holy Apostles Church, Feb 1. Miss Burns 81, of 68 Myrtle St., |Spring furs will also be shown a retired public school teacher by Madeleon's of Manger Hotel died Jan. 29, 1965, at St. Ann's

The Solemn Requiem Mass day, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. Members of Table decorations will include was celebrated by Monsignor J. Emmett Murphy assisted by at the school will combine in theme. Mrs. Bruce Carson and conducting the dinner. Mrs. Mrs. Bruce Carson and Rev. Edward E. Steinkirchner, Louise Macksamie and Stanley chairmen are assisted by Mes. Dauphinee are chairmen of the dames John Nally, tickets; How-land Hafner, subdeacon.

> rations; Robert McManus, reveteran of the Civil War.

Usual get-together of Meri-Miss Betsy M. Laragy, Mrs. Norman W. Laragy.

Hafner\_at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Henry D. Halloran Son Funeral Home, Arnett Blvd. Mrs. Alfred G. Boylan, wife of a Rochester attorney and

# Helen L. Burns

Miss Burns, a lifelong Roch esterian, had been a teacher for more than 45 years. Her father, Michael Burns, was a Union Surviving are her cousins,

Edward J. Rigney, Sr. and Blessing was given by Father

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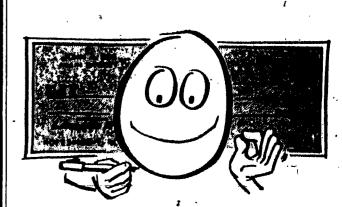
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