



Priest Gets New 'Wheel'

Mineola, N.Y. — (RNS) — About 2,000 friends — Boy Scouts and other youths and adults — appeared for presentation of a new bicycle to Father Vincent F. Hogan, assistant pastor of Corpus Christi church, Mineola, who had been using an old "wheel" to visit parishioners and to carry on his work with young people. Since youth work is one of the priest's main interests, the Scouts were naturally given the honor of making the presentation. Father Hogan received the gift as part of his 20th anniversary as a priest. He usually spends his vacation cycling along the Eastern Seaboard and once went as far West as Detroit. He often takes two or three parish boys on a trip.

Faith Deepens in Rhodesia

By FLOYD ANDERSON

Umtali, Rhodesia — (NC) — "The situation of the Church in Rhodesia at the moment is one in which we are consolidating gains made since the first of the pioneer days, and made with a certain ease," is the assessment made by Bishop Donald R. Lamont, O. Carm., of Umtali.

Bishop Lamont is in charge of press and publicity for the Rhodesian bishops, and hit the international headlines last November with his "dry bones" speech on the mission document at the third session of the Vatican Council.

His home would be termed a modest bungalow by American standards, located near a Catholic school, and only about 300 yards from the border of Rhodesia and Mozambique. The bishop's residence is reached by a dirt road, on which one frequently sees baboons, as we did driving off the paved road from the main part of Umtali.

We sat in his living room one day last April, as he very seriously discussed the situation faced by the Church. He had driven me through the "location," where the Africans who work in Umtali live. These are small houses for families —

sometimes much too small, one would think; and large dormitories for single men . . . and for those men who cannot find accommodations for their families and so claim they are single men.

The bishop said he had been offered an acre within the location to build a church but declined it. "No white priest could have stayed there overnight," he said. And so he bought some 30 acres outside the location, where he has built a beautiful church; school, rectory and a tuberculosis sanatorium. He is a frequent visitor there, one would judge from the enthusiasm with which he was received by the youngsters. Women patients were being taught to sew by the Sisters, using foot-pedal sewing machines.

Bishop Lamont said, "We get 80 cents a day from the government for the patients. For this we feed, clothe and care for them." He added, almost as an afterthought, "We aren't getting rich on it."

The church is a beautiful, "wide open" church, holding 1,400 to 1,500. Its total cost was \$24,000, and the bishop said, "It would have cost less if we could have done some of the construction ourselves." The

inside walls are made from stone from one of the missions; the floor of cement, with a few grains of color mixed into it to give a marble effect. The roof is of metal. As the bishop said, there were a lot of burnings going on at the time it was built — not against the Church, but to aggravate the government.

Discussing the general situation of the Church in the country, Bishop Lamont said, "We are consolidating in the sense that our Catholics are becoming conscious of everything that the Faith means — that it is meant to permeate and inform their lives; that being a Catholic involves social obligations as well as personal ones."

He pointed out that the great problem the Church will have to meet in Rhodesia "is one of convincing the intellectual elite of the African people, particularly those who are full of nationalist spirit, that the Church is not an instrument of European white domination or a colonial instrument, but that it is a universal Church whose teaching authority is the same for people of every race, wherever they may be."

Although a large percentage of African nationalists are Catholics he said, "I am not quite sure whether they would be strong enough to be Catholics if communism were to confer enough of them more material advantages than they have at present."

"In some ways," he added, you could say of the whole problem of Africa that there are too many Protestants of various descriptions and too many Catholics — and not enough Christians.

"If it comes to a question of standing up for Christian principles and even of giving one's

African Cardinal Describes Need for More Schools

Buffalo — (RNS) — Cardinal Laurian Rugambwa, Bishop of Bukoba, Tanzania, accepting an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Rosary Hill College here, stressed the need to develop an educational system in his country permeated with indigenous culture.

The first African Prince of the Church criticized as "relentless and frightening" the "conflict of ideas and philosophies" pouring into Tanzania from abroad.

"Our peoples are subjected to a continuous inpouring of

propaganda, distorted or incomplete news coverage, and sophisms parading under the guise of truth," he said.

"Newspapers and magazines offered at cut-rate prices are flooding the continent and assaulting the unlearned with a melting pot of subtle, attractively portrayed but important notions hiding expertly ideological stings."

The only way that Tanzania, as well as the rest of Africa, can meet this challenge, he said, is through the "beacon of education which can supply guidance and provide ultimate freedom."

However, he continued, his country has been "so busy digging ourselves out of illiteracy that we have merely adopted foreign educational methods and systems."

He emphasized that "the time must come when all levels of intellectual endeavor should be permeated with our local culture. Evidently we must not overidealize our past, but we must launch into the present from our newly-awakened sense of our cultural heritage."

St. John Knights Slate Meeting, Officers' Fete

A First District Commandery meeting and a Commissioning Party are scheduled for Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John.

The second quarterly district meeting will be held Friday, June 4 at 8:30 p.m. in the Knights and Ladies of St. John Clubhouse, 207 W. 10th St., Rochester, N.Y.

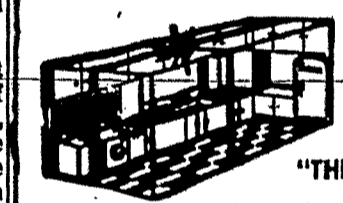
The district meeting is attended by colonels, immediate staff, aides de camp, line officers and delegates from the 12 commanderies of Rochester and Auburn.

Colonel Bittner will give out commissions to the members of his staff, Saturday evening, June 5 at the Club. After the commissioning, slides of the knight's activities will be shown with a social program to follow. All knights and their ladies are welcome to attend.

First Saturday

First Saturday observance will be made by members of Rochester Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae in their respective parish churches in June and July.

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Formosa Hospital

Letung, Formosa — (NC) — So many people come from all parts of Formosa for treatment at Camillian-staffed St. Mary's hospital here that an enterprising business man has opened a large hotel nearby for the convenience of out-patients.

The first Camillian priests and Brothers arrived here in 1952. Expelled by the communists from the China mainland province of Yunnan, where they staffed hospitals and leprosy sanatoria, they started their work of charity once again in Formosa.

The first arrivals remember that, since word of their coming had spread, there was a man with appendicitis waiting for them on a stretcher at the railway station. The appendectomy was performed that evening in a makeshift operating theater on a table.

The Camillians began with a 10 bed hospital and a dispensary. In a part of Formosa without good hospitals they have continuously been filled to capacity despite development and growth.

Today St. Mary's is the largest Catholic hospital on the island with 230 beds, staffed by nine doctors, including surgeons and specialists, seven Camillian nursing Sisters, nine Camillian nursing Sisters, and 57 lay nurses.

On a hill several miles away there is a 50-bed branch tuberculosis hospital, also staffed by Camillians.

Attached to St. Mary's is a government-approved nursing school, opened last year, which has commenced training 50 nurses, including four nuns of various congregations. Trainees in the three-year course will eventually total 150, and in the fall five more nuns will be enrolled. Hundreds of applications for the nursing school come from all over Formosa. The spacious and up-to-date building of the school was donated by Misereor, the German bishops' relief agency.

During the 13 years since its inauguration, St. Mary's staff has treated 184,506 out-patients and 47,747 in-patients. Surgical operations performed numbered 39,967.

The Camillians also operate two free dispensaries outside the town where more than 300 patients are treated daily. Last year about \$45,000 worth of free medical services were discharged.

Besides the hospital at Letung, the Camillians in Formosa also operate a hospital at Makung, on the Pescadore islands off the southwest coast. It is a 50-bed hospital staffed by five doctors. On the Pescadores they also have two free dispensaries.

Owego CDA Unit Hears Chaplain

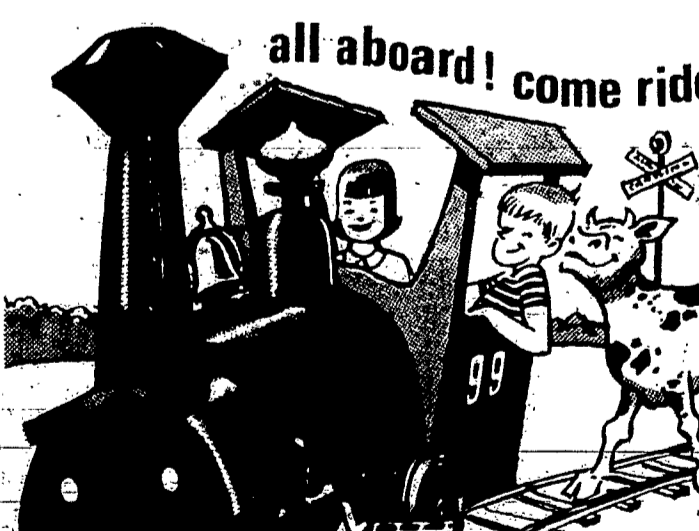
Owego — Father Joseph Reinhart, chaplain of Notre Dame High School, Elmira, was guest speaker at the 23rd annual Communion-Breakfast of Court St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Daughters of America, May 23. Deep Well Restaurant, Mrs. Beatrice M. Cleveland, toastmistress; Mrs. Robert Chernak and Mrs. Fred Ridley, cochairmen; Mrs. Eleanor Howe is newly elected grand regent.



Blind Children Greet Cardinal

Bronx — (RNS) — Blind children gather around Cardinal Spellman at dedication ceremonies for new buildings and equipment at Lavelle School for the Blind in the Bronx, N. Y. The cardinal visited some of the 22 new classrooms and blessed the Dominican Sisters who conduct the school, lay teachers and children as he proceeded. Founded in 1904, the school assumed its present name in 1938 in honor of Msgr. Michael J. Lavelle, vicar general of the New York archdiocese, who had been a strong supporter of the school. He died in 1939.

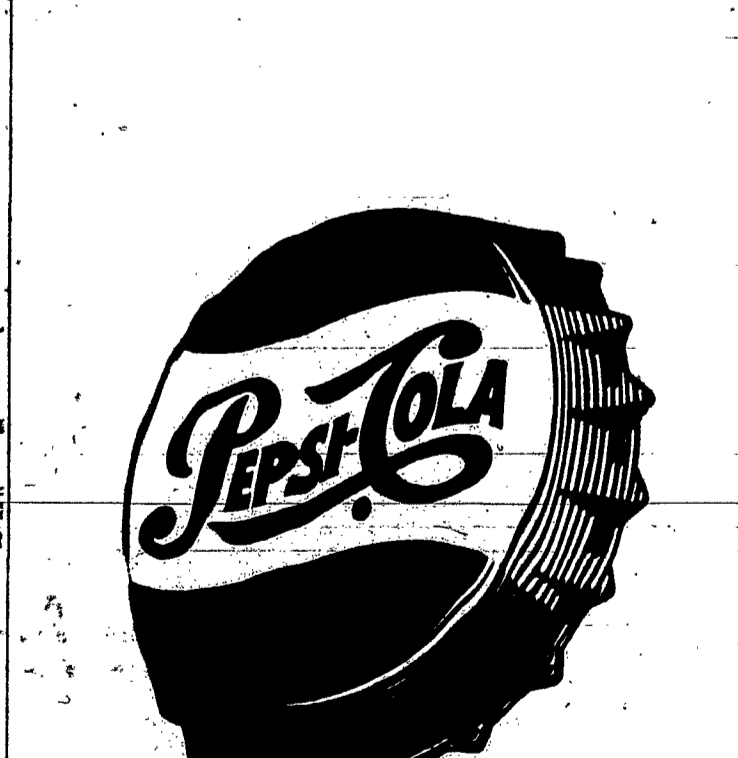
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