

Lay Volunteers Provide:

'Dynamic' Spirit
In Mississippi

Since 1961, over 1,000 young Americans have signed up for the Extension Society Volunteers, to offer a year's service in the home missions of this country.

Margaret Murray an Extension Volunteer, of 148 Barrington Street, Rochester, has just returned home after teaching a year in a small Catholic school in the backwoods of Mississippi.

Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. Edward Murray of Blessed Sacrament parish, Margaret is a graduate of Monroe High School and the College of New Rochelle. She worked for three years at Kodak Park in the Statistical Department before embarking on her Extension venture.

"It was a wonderful and rewarding experience," she told the Courier-Journal last week. "Personally I feel that an Extension Volunteer gets more out of the program than she gives."

She taught a double grade of 20 third and fourth graders in the little town of Kiln, Miss. Its small Catholic church is one of 5 mission churches in the area under the care of two Trinitarian priests. In the five missions, there is a total of 1,500 Catholics, pretty good for Mississippi, a state which is only 3 per cent Catholic.

Kiln is a French Catholic settlement, and in this little hamlet, 90 per cent of the people are Catholics.

The people of this sector of rural Mississippi are quite poor—Father Maltery Dugan, the pastor, estimates that over half of his 1,500 parishioners live in



MARGARET MURRAY

5-mission area, are on relief, old-age assistance or some form of welfare program.

"The people are enthusiastic about their school, which is only two years old," Miss Murray said, "and they support it as well as they can."

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"Rain, rain, go away" — and it did, as soon as it drenched the academic procession at St. John Fisher College's commencement rites Sunday afternoon. The downpour didn't dampen the spirits of Bishop Kearney, under umbrella at end of line, or other participants.



Bishop Kearney claps hands of graduates to confer degrees in a medieval rite at St. John Fisher College's eleventh graduation ceremony Sunday afternoon.

'Be Different' — Graduates Told

College graduates "are going to have to be different — perhaps even terribly different," Xerox president Joseph C. Wilson said at St. John Fisher College commencement rites Sunday afternoon.

"You are facing a galaxy of problems that past generations did not know or, if they too faced them, did not solve," he told the graduates.

He said the problems facing this generation "are almost impossible to comprehend." He listed some of them — "the resolution of international differences without the annihilation of mankind; the unprecedented level and rate of growth of the human population — the exploding technological revolution — the development of megapolitans."

He said the solution to such problems will have to be worked out not only "by high level attacks" but "at the local community level."

terians who made significant contributions to the betterment of mankind — Joseph T. Alling, better city government; George Eastman, industry and education; Raymond N. Ball, public utilities; Marion Folsom, medical services, and men with foresight for the needs of higher education — Bishop Kearney, Dr. Mark Ellington of RIT and Professor Dexter Perkins of the University of Rochester.

EARLIER AT their baccalaureate Mass, the graduates heard Basilian Father E. J. McCorkell tell them they are to carry into their careers "the spirit you have found stirring in your college — the spirit of understanding, cooperation and charity to be the apostles of the unity for which the world is waiting."

Bishop Kearney presided at the graduation rite after a downpour drenched the academic procession. He gave the 138 graduates their degrees in the college's oldest and largest graduation ceremony.

Six members of the graduating class received academic honors awards at the President's Dinner for Seniors and Faculty held the previous Thursday.

The Zelda Lyons Medal for proficiency in the humanities was won by Thomas R. McKague. This award is a memorial to the late Miss Zelda Lyons, first registrar at St. John Fisher.

The John C. Murray Medal commemorating the late Dr. John A. Murray, a former professor at the college, and given annually to the senior who ranks highest in the field of history, was awarded to Warren T. Chase.

For proficiency in business administration, Gerald E. Sauter, won the William H. Riley Memorial Medal given by the Alumni Association in honor of the late William H. Riley, a member of the first graduating class of St. John Fisher College.

Recipient of the John A. Murray Scholarship for outstanding promise of leadership was Emanuele Genovese. Genovese achieved a perfect quality point ratio of 3.0 in his major field, philosophy, while at Fisher.

The Award for Academic Excellence in Modern Languages

was won by Drake J. D'Alessandra, a Spanish major who received perfect grades in this subject for four years.

Winner of the Award for Excellence in Natural Science and Mathematics was Thomas C. Gard who is top man in the Class of '65 with a quality point ratio of 2.8432 for his four years of study at St. John Fisher.

Another highlight at the close of the college year was a meeting of the alumni association which gave \$10,000 to its alma mater.

New officers of the association elected at the meeting are: president, Leo Kesslering '65; vice-president, Paul Mura '60; secretary, John Barrett '61; and treasurer, Kevin Considine '62.

Thomas Flood '62, president of the newly former Fisher alumni chapter of Metropolitan New York, was selected "Alumnus of the Year." Flood is executive assistant to the president of the Savings and Loan Association of New York State.



Charlotte's St. Anthony's Day Festival on Saturday, June 12, is being arranged by James Penna, Michael DePalmo, Jr., Father Robert Fennessy, Holy Cross pastor, and Art DeMatteo.

Fete in Charlotte

Religious ceremonies, a parade and fireworks display will mark the 53rd Annual Celebration of St. Anthony's feast in Rochester's northside-Charlotte Saturday, June 12.

The Festival will open with High Mass at Holy Cross Church at 9 a.m. with Father Robert H. Hennessy as Celebrant. Following Mass, a procession of church organizations will proceed to the St. Anthony Shrine on Church grounds for ceremonies.

Over 35,000 people are expected to view and participate in the annual festival which promises to be the greatest in years. The Festival held in honor of the "Great Preacher" of the 13th Century was first started in Holy Cross Parish by a few parishioners. The tradition has mushroomed into a great community effort with county wide participation.

The parade will begin at 6:45 p.m. at Charlotte High School and Hewitt Street, proceed to Lake Avenue and north to

Ontario Beach Park. 70 units will be represented, with over 25,000 persons in the line of march.

Participating bands will include Aquinas, Holley Hawks, Nazareth, Barnard, Cian MacNaughton Scottish Band, Scott's Saber, Holy Cross, Blue Angels, Emerald Cadets, plus other drum and bugle corps, drill teams, local clubs and organizations, floats, Scouting and Little League groups.

Reigning over the Festival

this year is St. Anthony's Queen Linda LaCrosse, along with Alternate Queen Sandra Bixby. They will ride on a float along the Lake Avenue parade route. Other area Queens are expected to attend.

A gigantic fireworks display will start at 10:00 p.m. fired over Ontario Beach. A great finale is expected including shooting rockets, a tribute to the U.S. flag and our Country.

Rain date for parade and fireworks will be Sunday, June 13.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE COURIER

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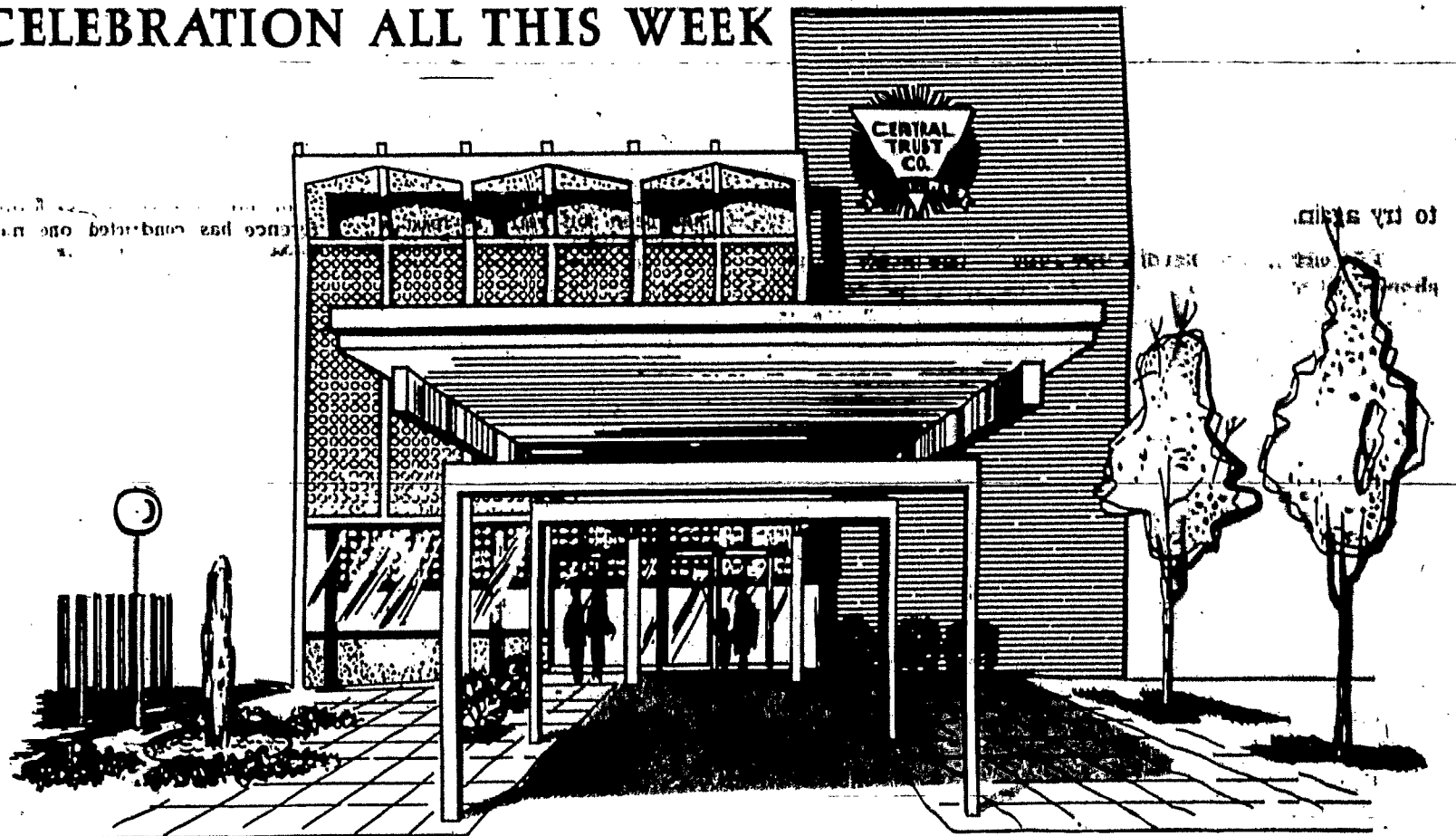
Four Sisters of St. Joseph were to be sent to Selma, Alabama to take up the work in the Negro Mission of St. Elizabeth, it was announced at Nazareth Motherhouse in Pittsford.

A new \$155,000 wing at the southwest end of Nazareth Academy was dedicated by

Bishop Kearney. Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey joined in tributes to the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Academy with which he said he had been associated for 30 years.

Ground for the new Recreation Hall for underprivileged boys was broken by Rev. Joseph A. Cirincione, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Whit

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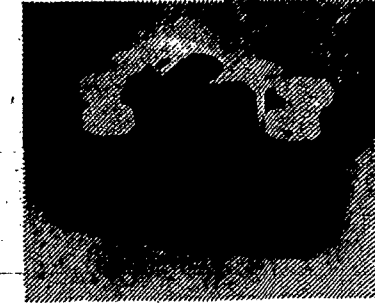
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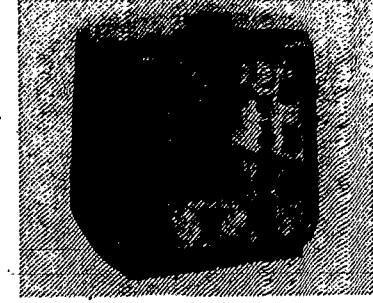
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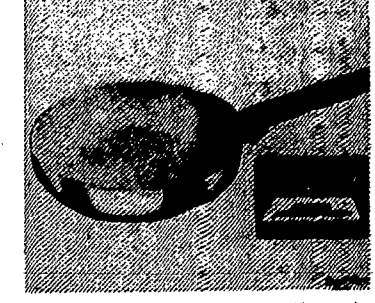
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