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Prize Winners at Kearney High
 Dressmakers and their models display trophies at a recent Bishop Kearney High School sewing contest. Winners are from left Mary Ellen Walkowicz with sister Liz third, Lidia Wdowczyn and Roxanne Aiello second, and Carol Zubrycki and Mark Pumptis first.

Mixed Marriage Still a Problem

Boston — (RNS) — Roman Catholic pastors and other Christian clergymen were urged by the Boston Archdiocesan Ecumenical Commission to join forces "in planning and presenting" youth conferences that will "discourage mixed courtship" without militating against the spirit of the church unity movement.

The commission made the plea in an appendix to its newly published interim guidelines for ecumenical activities in the archdiocese.

Cardinal Cushing of Boston published a 24-page directory of those who give such instructions "to spur on all Catholics in the archdiocese to real ecumenical effort, especially on the parish level." He urged all Catholics "to comply faithfully with its directives."

The guidelines deal generally with programs of interreligious cooperation of the clergy, and a "dialogue program" for ecumenical dialogue and prayer.

An appendix to the commission's guidelines on the liturgical celebration of "mixed marriage" deals with some of the pastoral problems of what a spokesman for the group described as "a difficult ecumenical problem."

Clergy and laity were urged to discourage "mixed marriages" and, in the instruction of youth, to indicate "the difficulties, dangers and heartbreak that lie ahead in mixed marriages."

It was noted, however, that those who give such instructions "should carefully avoid conveying any impression that the partners of a mixed marriage are 'bad' or that other Christians are to be avoided or that other Churches are 'false'."

"Although we ought and must discourage mixed courtship," the commission stated, "we cannot ignore the fact of mixed marriages in our pluralistic society as normal, nor can we neglect those who in love have approached this sacrament which is the sign of the love and the unity of Christ in His Church."

The directory called upon the clergy to cooperate in the preparation of couples who, "despite their differences in faith," have chosen to marry.

The premarital instructions "should certainly entail a consideration of the difficulties, the faith-worship problems and the problems of conscience — together with the means of facing these."

Regulations also allow for a non-Catholic minister or rabbi to be invited by the couple to a mixed-marriage ceremony.

Commenting on these guidelines, the commission noted that "the tragedy of the separation of the Christian Churches is most keenly experienced concretely in the pain that exists in what we call 'mixed marriage'."

It said that marriage partners "who vow to share all that they are and have in common, and yet who cannot share completely that which is most important in their lives — their faith and worship — cannot but experience the anguish of this dividedness."

The commission said that in mixed marriages the education of children "compounds the difference and difficulties" and "results in hostilities that threaten the very marriage bond, in religious indifference in the home or in the loss of committed faith on the part of one or both of the spouses."



Winners at a recent Bishop Kearney High School art contest were from left Anne Thillman, first, Linda Criste, second and David Termotto, third.

Scandinavian Churches 'Staves' Instead of Stones

By RUNE P. THURINGER
 Stockholm — (NC) — The Scandinavian wooden stave churches, dating from the 11th to the 13th centuries, are monuments of a highly developed culture.

A stave church is one whose exterior walls are composed of staves or strips of wood, set side by side. These churches often have the appearance of elaborately constructed log cabins.

They reached their richest form in Norway, where the stave churches at Borgund, Urnes and Gol are famous. In Sweden, only the church at Hedared remains.

The Urnes stave church in western Norway dates from 1140-1150 and is the oldest stave church still existing. Within its oak and pine timber work are parts of an older church (Urnes I) that was built about the middle of the 11th century. One

of the elements of the older building in the present church (Urnes II) is a dragon decoration in high relief at the door.

In the older building four heavy wooden columns were raised within the church in order to hold up the high roof and tower. Such columns were also erected and still stand in Gol's stave church, which was built 50 years after Urnes II.

These stave churches give evidence, for example, of active communication among the Scandinavian countries. The first stave churches were built according to a simple square design almost like that of ordinary dwellings and even retained the dragon sculptures in each corner. The influence of the European continent later became evident in the Romanesque style of which Urnes II is an example.

Extensive modification was necessary in order to translate the Romanesque style, before then realized in stone, into wood. The result was striking. The resinous wooden material, tarred into a dark brown color, suited the mountainous Norwegian landscape perfectly.

In Denmark about 1050, a shortage of wood halted the building of stave churches and necessitated construction in stone. Stone construction became "modern," and, though they had plenty of wood, Swe-

den, about 50 years later, and Norway, about 1150 followed the trend.

The supply of stone was exhausted in Denmark about 1160, and the Danes, under Italian influence, began to use brick. The Swedes and Norwegians again followed suit in spite of having more than enough stone. Brickwork was "in." These developments are a sign of flourishing communications in the medieval Catholic world, and a sign, too, that other ages had their fads.

In Sweden, there is one instructive testimony to the mode of liturgical life in the stave churches: the Skog tapestry of 1100 or so, made in Skog parish near Gavle. This famous tapestry is entirely Christian in its subject matter, and has undergone careful scientific investigation.

It shows a stave church, its corners adorned with sculptured dragon-heads. Inside the church a priest celebrates Mass before a standing congregation. One of the members of the congregation rings a small bell hanging in a stand made of two sculptured dragon-heads. The artist's time-perspective allowed the depiction of people still arriving at the church. They are attacked on their way by a host of demons and smaller dragons, which also attack the church itself. The faithful, however, are helped by bellringers, standing at the cross-adorned belfry beside the church and fighting against the demons by ringing the bells, whose sacred chime overcomes the evil hosts. This is the interpretation made by modern Swedish art-historians and theologians.

In another part of the tapestry, three old men stand looking at the struggle, and appear grieved at the victory of the Christian faith. Since one of them is one-eyed, it has been supposed that they are Odin (always pictured with only one eye), Thor and Frey, the old pagan gods of Sweden, whose power was at an end.

Surviving are one brother, John Smith, Rochester; three sisters, Mrs. Ella Stehle, Oxford, Calif.; Mrs. Julia Mogenhan, Rochester; Mrs. Mary E. Foley, Geneva; several nieces and nephews.

Father Eugene P. Sweeney gave the blessing at the grave. Arrangements by Joseph A. Murphy Funeral Home.

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Diane Alongi, Essay Winner
 Auburn — Miss Diane M. Alongi, 17, a senior at Mount Carmel High School, won first place in the "Peace Essay" contest sponsored by the Auburn Lions Club and hosted by the International Association of Lions Clubs.

Miss Alongi is the daughter of Mrs. Jeanie Alongi of 47, Chedell Pl. The Carmel senior's essay was entitled, "Peace is Attainable."
 Miss Alongi received a \$50 bond from Joseph Pine, president of the Auburn Lions Club. Miss Margaret Quill of West High School, was runner-up and Miss Judith L. Aversa of Mt. Carmel, was third.

Marie Eckert Mass Offered
 Funeral Mass for Mrs. Marie Eckert, one time cook at Immaculate Conception Rectory was offered by Father P. David Finkins, Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, Jan. 9.

Mrs. Eckert died at the Green Gables Nursing Home, Jan. 6, 1967.
 Surviving are a son, Louis J. Eckert and a granddaughter Susan Eckert.
 Blessing at the grave was given by Father Robert Kreckel. Arrangements by Alvah Halvor and Son Funeral Home, Chitauve.

G. Hasselwander Requiem Offered
 Funeral Mass for George C. Hasselwander was offered by Monsignor John M. Duffy in St. Augustine's Church, Feb. 6. Mr. Hasselwander, 69 Thorndale Terr. died Feb. 2, 1967.
 He was a member of St. Augustine's Holy Name Society, the Nocturnal Adoration Society and the Red Men.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Niblock Hasselwander; one brother, Anthony D. Hasselwander; several nieces and nephews.
 Monsignor Duffy gave the blessing at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements, Joseph A. Murphy Funeral Home.



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