

Volunteer Finds Variety, Hard Work in Vista

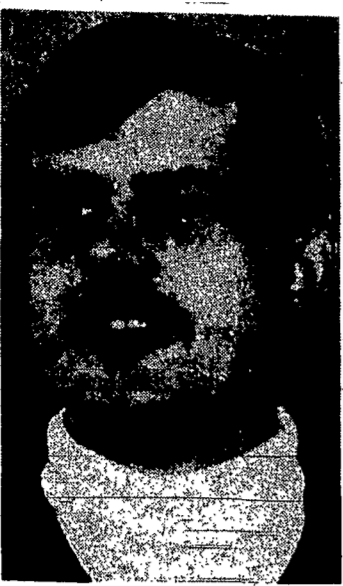
The life of a Vista Volunteer is filled with variety, worthwhile challenges and plenty of hard work.

At least that's the experience of Richard Pinckney, 21, an Auburn native who is serving in the Vista Volunteers in the inner-city area of Denver, Colorado.

Home for a week's vacation last week, Pinckney told the Courier-Journal about his new career in the group described as "America's Peace Corps at Home."

The young Auburnian has been with Vista for four months in Colorado. His first six weeks were given to a rather rugged "basic training" program in the San Luis Valley area. Since then, his base has been in Denver's inner city.

His first job (of several) is to be a counselor for several adults on probation for the courts. The Denver County Court is experimenting with several Vista people in this role. Pinckney tries to see his probationers every week, encourage them, discuss job or home problems and in-



For Report —

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general, help them keep out of further trouble with the courts. His second job is teaching basic adult education for people seeking high school equivalency diplomas. Several of his own probationers are in this class,

which meets in a room at Denver's Catholic cathedral, Immaculate Conception.

Denver has its share of teenagers in difficulty, and part of his work is to maintain contact with some of these youngsters. "There's a growing problem with glue-sniffing in our area," he noted.

In this regard, he serves as an amateur drama coach and basketball mentor one night a week. His locale for this is the Episcopal Cathedral hall, which underlines the fact that "Denver's churches are deeply involved in the city's problems."

Pinckney lives in a small apartment in the area, sharing quarters with another Vista man whose job is working with alcoholics.

He entered the Vista Volunteers after two and a half years of college, because he wasn't sure what he wanted to do, felt that the Vista program might give him some ideas.

"I do want to return to college," he stated, "and I think now that I want to concentrate on rehabilitation counseling."

He likes the variety in his work, which can take on new directions week by week. For one period, he was asked to make contact with a "Hippie" group living in the neighborhood, to see if he could be of help. For this encounter, he even raised a colorful mustache (see accompanying picture), which he retained to show his folks when he came home recently.

His mother said "it was nice," but hoped it would not become a permanent fixture.

Pinckney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pinckney of 168 E. Genesee Street in Auburn. The Pinckneys are members of St. Alphonsus parish.

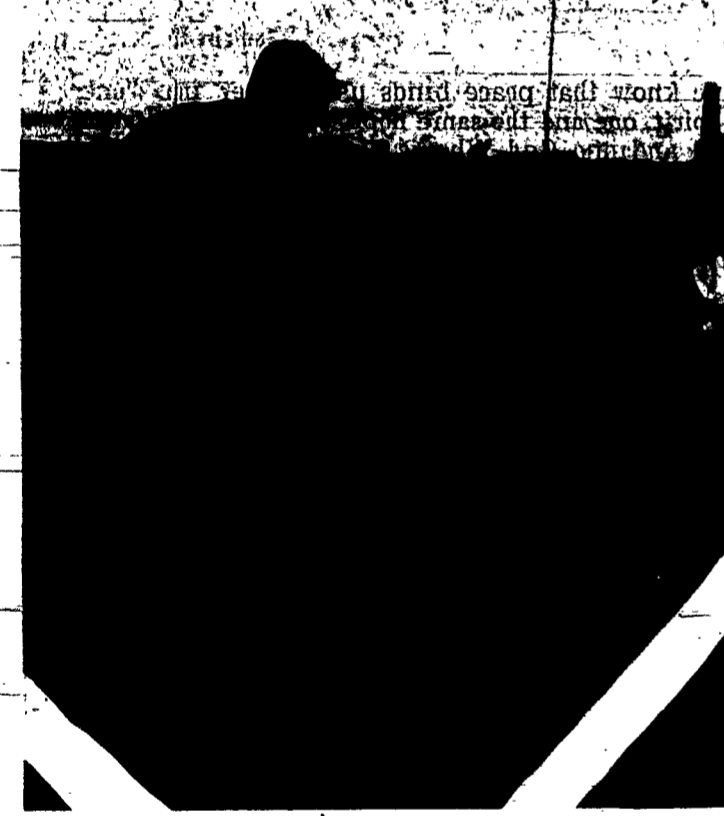
Vista Volunteers, he mentioned, serve for one year assignments, get their board and room, a little spending money — "and a lot of satisfaction." They also have \$50 a month "put aside" for them by the organization, so that they have a modest nest egg when they return to their regular pursuits.

Nationally, there are some 4,200 people serving in the Vista Volunteers today.

—Father Robert Kanka



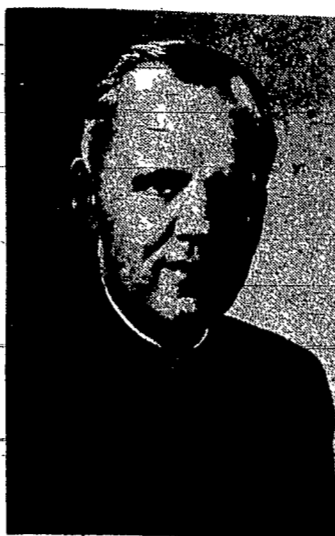
SLEEPING BAG for basic training was made of heavy corrugated paper, held together with heavy staples. "The thing was warm enough, but sleeping on the floor took a little learning," Pinckney noted.



BASIC TRAINING for this Vista Volunteer, Richard Pinckney, included some outdoor work, like learning to chop logs for a bunkhouse stove.

Father Ehmann To Talk To First Friday Men

Father Benedict A. Ehmann, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Rochester, authority on church music and the liturgy, will address men of the First Friday Luncheon Club, Feb. 2 in Hotel Sheraton.



FATHER EHMANN

Urban G. Kress, chairman of the Knights of Columbus sponsoring committee said Father Ehmann will speak following the luncheon at 12:10 p.m.

Father William Donnelly, club moderator and chaplain of Rochester Council, K. of C. will present the speaker.

FATHER EHMANN who has been pastor of St. Michael's since 1961 is nationally known in church music. He made studies at St. X School of Liturgical Music and was editor of the Catholic Choirmaster, official organ of the Society of St. Gregory.

He was in the forefront in advancing the new Easter Vigil and was among four liturgical experts, authors of Analysis of the Restored Holy Week Rites for Pastoral use and printed at the University of Notre Dame Press in 1958.

In 1964, he predicted that the use of English in the Mass "will bring Catholics far closer to the Holy Sacrifice."

After ordination in 1929, he served at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, was professor of Church Music at St. Andrew's Seminary, became professor of Church Music at St. Bernard's Seminary and served as pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen.

Laymen who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday are welcomed at the luncheon according to Frederick L. Murphy, co-chairman of the K. of C. Sponsoring committee.

National CWV Head Due At County Convention

National Commander Martin G. Riley of the Catholic War Veterans will attend the 22nd annual convention of Monroe County CWV, Saturday, Jan. 27 at Burgundy Inn, Marsh Road, Bushnell's Basin, according to Theodore J. Houck, county commander.

A convention business meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a dinner at 7 p.m.

Attending with Commander Riley will be James Carney, past state commander. County commanders of other veterans groups in the county are being invited. This is said to be the first visit of a national commander to the Rochester area.

Recipient of the Catholic War Veterans' "Layman of the Year Award" will be announced at the convention. This award is presented annually to an out-

standing member of this community for service to church and community at the annual Communion breakfast.

Guest speaker at the banquet will be Lt. Andrew Sparacino of the Rochester Police Department.

Reservations for the dinner are being made with James A. O'Connor, banquet chairman and commander of Sacred Heart CWV Post, 254-5820.

"Mixed Blessing" Seen In School Cut-Back

The Catholic grammar school in Brockport will cut back to six grades at the end of this term. Therein may lie a "mixed blessing," Father Daniel Brent observed today.

"They have a fine junior high program, and it's too bad to let it go," the assistant diocesan superintendent said.

"However, this may make other Catholics see that the financial problem is real and that the solution is theirs."

Father Brent, assistant superintendent of diocesan schools, pointed out that these schools cannot be "taken for granted."

The Brockport decision was made by the year-old school board at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was a "very difficult and unpleasant one," board president Warren Lynch said. The upper-grade teachers met yesterday with Brockport Central School administrators. Parents will be informed at a meeting tonight (Jan. 26) of any problems in the transfer of the 82 pupils.

Seventh and eighth grades were eliminated last year at Guardian Angels School, Henrietta. It is too soon to judge whether this will reduce Henrietta's representation in the Catholic High Schools, Father Brent noted. The parochial schools of Owego and Waverly also have given up the two top grades.

Father Brent said these instances did not necessarily indicate the shape of things to come. He mentioned the sudden great increase in costs that had come with the necessity of employing numbers of lay teachers. Where tuition is charged, it cannot be set high enough to pay expenses, he said.

The diocesan office gives these figures for the cost of education per pupil, per year: in Catholic schools, \$200; in public schools, \$982.

Catholics have to decide, Father Brent said, at which rate they want to pay.

They'll Put Poetry Into Dance Form

The Dance Theatre of Rochester JYM&WA will dance a rendition of Carl Sandburg's "Baby of the Four Winds" at their second annual concert on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 8:15 p.m. and on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 4 p.m. at the JY Auditorium, 380 Andrews Street.

Lola Lancaster, Gretchen Glover, and Irma Topper-Plyshenko, with the artistic guidance of Paul Sanasardo, have choreographed the program to music by Prokofiev, Gershwin and Davidovsky, as well as to the poetry of Sandburg.

Reading Work Shops Scheduled

Reading workshops will be held next week for parochial school teachers of grades 4, 5 and 6, as part of the in-service training program sponsored by the Office of the Diocesan Superintendent of Schools.

Miss Catherine Flannery, reading consultant for Ginn and Co. will conduct a session for a different area each day, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. The schedule:

Monday, Jan. 29, St. John of Rochester, Fairport; Tuesday, St. Mary, Bath; Wednesday, St. Casimir, Elmira; Thursday, St. Mary, Auburn; and Friday, Feb. 2, St. Margaret Mary, Rochester.

Kindergarten teachers also will meet with Miss Flannery, to discuss reading readiness programs. The Rochester area meeting will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 2.

Miss Flannery, a former elementary teacher in Waltham, Mass., has worked as a news reporter and does freelance writing.

PAPAL AID SENT TO QUAKE
Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has sent a telegram of sympathy and has ordered emergency aid for hundreds of families in Sicily who are the victims of an earthquake that has claimed at least 12 lives.

Theatre Day Set For Feb. 3

Plans are underway for the Rochester area's annual Theatre Day to be held Saturday, Feb. 3 under the sponsorship of the Catholic Theatre Conference. The host, Nazareth College, has made available the facilities of its Fine Arts Center, the newest in the state.

In keeping with the theme of the day, which emphasizes the technical contributions to play production, many special sessions and demonstrations are planned. Among others, they

include lighting, scenery, sound, costumes and make-up.

The day's activities will be highlighted by the annual Acting Competition for which entrants from many area schools will compete.

Interested parties who are not active members of the local Conference can receive further details by calling the chairman, Joseph Baranowski at 588-2420.

25 Years Ago

(From Catholic Courier, Jan. 28, 1943)

U.S. Army Chaplain Elmer W. Heindl from his South Sea Islands base sent a v-mail letter citing his great regard for the Catholic Courier. He said he read each issue of three copies sent to him each week, even though they arrive a month late.

Rochester's new USO Center was dedicated, Father John S. Randall representing the Catholics, to "strengthening the morale and maintaining the morals of the men who fight."

Advocacy of sex hygiene in public schools by Dr. Ernest C. Stebbins, was criticized by Father Hubert A. Bisky of Ithaca at a PTA supper.

New Film Ratings

Following are the titles of films reviewed this week by the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures:

Class A, Section 4

The Stranger
Observation: To appreciate this film translation of Camus' novel one need not accept the author's theme of alienation from a world of theistic values. Nevertheless, a viewer unfamiliar with Camus may be confused as to the film's ultimate meaning.



LEADING ROLES in Our Lady of Good Counsel Men's Club 40th Anniversary dinner will be taken by (from left): Father Raphael Ndingi of Kenya, East Africa; Thomas Trabold, Men's Club president; Father Paul G. Wohlrab, pastor and Robert Mulhern, program chairman.

Bishop Kearney Slated By Good Counsel Men

Observance of the fortieth anniversary of Our Lady of Good Counsel Men's Club will be featured by a membership campaign dinner, Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the school hall.

Bishop James E. Kearney will be the principal speaker. Father Raphael Ndingi, from Ken-

ya, East Africa who has been assigned to Our Lady of Good Counsel Church for Sunday Masses during his stay in the United States will also be on the program.

He is taking graduate courses at St. John Fisher College for the next two years.

The new slate of officers for 1968 to be presented at the dinner are: Thomas Trabold, president; Arthur Pernaelli, vice president; Robert Sayre, secretary, and William Winter, treasurer.

Roast beef will be served. Tickets for the dinner are \$3

each. They may be obtained at the ushers' table after Mass, at the rectory or by calling Robert DiLaura at 235-8090.

Program chairman Robert Mulhern has listed refreshments and cards to follow the dinner. Refreshments will be served by the "kitchen crew," John Brozak and Albert Frank.

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