



Cited For 25 Years Work

Among the many Mercy Hospital employees to be honored at the Service Award Dinner recently was this group of 25 year employees. Sister Joan Alice, hospital administrator, presented awards to Miss Julia McGrath, Miss Mary Bennett, Miss Margaret McGee and Miss Pearl LaDouce.

Corning Scouts Get Honors

Twenty-six Scouts from the Corning area recently received the Ad Altare Dei honor at a ceremony presided over by Father Timothy Weider, of the Steuben County Secular Mission.

Scouts getting honors were David Simon, Robert McKnight, John Molson, Joseph Sinkewicz, Clyde Russell, Anthony Spiciale, Thomas Stamilig, David Tammaro, Philip Tammaro, Patrick Cassidy.

Also Robert Davis, John Dudden, Michael Joyce, Peter Langendorfer, Robert Perkins, Mark Perkins, John Bennett, Joseph Bennett, Terence Conway, Michael Johnson, Thomas Kelly, Christopher Lenew, Kevin McConnell, Thomas McGovern, Michael VanDunne and Michael Myers.

Basketball Camp Planned at Auburn

Auburn — A summer basketball camp will be conducted here by Bill Gaffey, coach of Mt. Carmel High School's varsity basketball team.

Among the visiting cage greats will be Boston College coach Bob Cousy; Army coach Bobby Knight; Canisius College mentor Bob MacKinnon; Kennebec State's coach, Ken Jones; and a late addition, Roy Danforth, cage coach at Syracuse University.

The opening session (July 8-12) will be divided into three periods for various grade levels. Morning session is for grades 3 to 5; afternoon session for grades 6-7; the other session, for grades 8 to 11, will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hornell Hospital Open House

Hornell — A steady flow of guests visited DeSales Hall, the new education building of St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, for an open house marking the local hospital's kick-off of the "Recruit to Nurses" program. The program, set to run through June 10 by 21 schools of nursing of the Genesee Valley League, is a project to interest teenagers and older women in becoming nurses.

DeSales Hall was acquired by the hospital to replace the former school located on Rose Ave. Named in honor of Sister Mary DeSales, who served as director of the School of Nursing for 32 years, the new school is modern and functional. Facilities include classrooms, student lounge, library and offices.

Negro Lay Board Proposed to Guide Catholic Parishes

Kansas City, Mo.—(NC)—A five-parish cooperative inner city ministry, guided by a Negro lay board, was proposed this week as a way of bridging the gap between the white Catholic Church and the Negro community here.

A six-person committee was named at a meeting of the Catholic Clergy Conference on Inner City needs.

The Kansas City-St. Joseph diocese has no Negro diocesan priests.

There are approximately 8,000 Negro Catholics "on the books," but not necessarily active in Kansas City, out of a total Negro population of about 130,000. Although the structure of the lay board is yet to be determined, it was the consensus of the 20 priests and the lay people at the meeting that at least half the lay members would be under 25, since the young people are the thought leaders in the black community.

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The John Carroll team won the championship in the Auburn Knights of Columbus Bowling League and were presented with the William E. Bouley Jr. Memorial Trophy at the league banquet at the K. of C. Left to right: Bernie Marino, league secretary; Ray Wall, league president, and Ed Kolo, of the winning team

Inter-religious Plans Discussed at Synod

Hildesheim, Germany—(RNS)—Far-reaching suggestions for expanded Roman Catholic-Protestant ecumenical cooperation were discussed at sessions here of the Catholic Synod of Hildesheim.

Some of the proposals made at the synod—the first in modern German Catholic history with laymen participating—were:

Joint building of churches and parish centers for use by both Catholics and Protestants in localities where erection of separate churches would be uneconomical;

Occasional reciprocal swapping of priests and pastors to preach in the other denomination's services;

Creation of "ecumenical religion classes" in schools to promote better understanding between the confessions.

The synod also touched on the ordination of married men as priests.

Father Johannes Bergsma of the diocesan seminary at Goslar said it was conceivable that in the future urban parishes might be served by from 8 to 10

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Jews

Many Collegians Temporary Apostates

By Religious News Service

New York—Three sociologists from Columbia University have found that 23 per cent of Jewish college students in the U.S. reject Judaism by their senior year, but that half of these return to the fold within three years of graduation.

Their findings were released here by Bertram H. Gold, executive director of the American Jewish Committee, in a report to the committee's 62nd annual meeting.

The report, first large-scale nationwide study ever made of religious defection among college students, was prepared for the Jewish agency by David Caplovitz, Paul Ritterband and Fred Sherrow, sociologists at Columbia University's Bureau of Applied Social Research.

Their preliminary findings also revealed that religious defections were almost as frequent for Protestants as for Jews, 12 per cent of the Protestants and 7 per cent of the Catholics.

The data, originally collected by the National Opinion Research Center of the University of Chicago, embraced 34,000 college students. Of this number 3,632 said they had been raised as Jews. The original group was re-surveyed in 1962, 1963, and 1964.

The authors examined responses gathered three years after the original data to determine how durable apostasy was—whether, for example, it was a part of the "general adolescent syndrome."

Shifts were uncovered among both apostates and persons retaining their identity as Jews, but "the shifts that did occur indicate that apostasy is a much more unstable position than is identification," the report noted.

Slightly fewer than 5 per cent of those who identified themselves as Jews in their initial study became apostates after graduation, whereas 46 per cent of the college apostates returned after graduation to a position of Jewish identity.

"The forces making for the reintegration of apostates seem much more powerful than those generating new apostasy," they concluded.

The preliminary findings focused on the factors making for apostasy among Jewish students. Some of their findings follow:

• Jewish girl students showed almost as high an apostasy rate as boys: 11 per cent as compared to 14 per cent.

• College students who grew up in small towns were somewhat less likely to become apostates.

• Unsatisfactory family relations proved to be a major determinant of apostasy. Jewish students on bad terms with their families were almost four times as likely to be apostates as those on good terms with their families.

• American or foreign family background made little difference.

In the area of Jewish students' self-concepts, it was found that:

• The more unconventional a student believed his values to be, the more likely he was to apostatize.

• Those who were alienated and dissatisfied were more likely to be apostates than the extroverted and socially adjusted student.

• Apostates were more likely to think of themselves as "idealists" and "cultured." The authors asserted, however, that such traits were likely to lead to a critical stance toward society, which in turn led to a weakening of ties to the community.

• Apostasy was found to increase steadily with increasing intellectual commitment.

As their Jewishness."

"In short," they suggested, "traditional ties become weakened in part because of one's commitment to a way of life in which only fellow members of the intellectual, professional group comprise the individual's significant 'others.'"

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