When the Erb Clan Gets Together...

More than 100 members of "Clan Erb" — including one from Africa, others from Virginia, New Jersey and Illinois —were on hand in Churchville Park June 26 at an Erb family reunion.

Winner of the prize for having come the greatest distance was Father Charles G. Erb, SVD., Rochester native now serving in missions in Ghana, Africa.

Father Erb, Divine Word missioner who has been laboring in West Africa since 1947, returns home every three years for a gathering of the clan.

And the clan is somewhat religious-oriented. Father Erb has three nephews who are priests, and two nieces who are nuns. They are:

Father Charles F. Adams, OFM., on the faculty of St. Bonaventure University; Father Francis J. Erb, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Elmira; Father Raymond Quetchenbach, SVD., missioned to the Philippines since 1957; Sister Helen Marie Yockel, SSpS., who has been serving for the last six years at St. Theresa's Hospital, Waukeegan, Ill.; Sister Mary Gerard Erb, RSM., on the faculty of Cardinal Mooney High School.

GREETINGS FROM AMERICA — Father Charles G. Erb, SVD. (left), Rochester native now serving in missions in Ghana, Africa, dons African dashiki to pose with three nieces and nephews in religious life at recent Erb family picnic in Churchville. With him from left are Sister Helen Marie Yockel, SSpS., Sister Mary Gerard Erb, RSM., Father Charles Adams, OFM.

Born in Rochester in 1906, Father Charles Eerb attended Holy Family School. He joined the Divine Word Missionaries in 1920, and was ordained in Austria in 1933. From 1942 to 1946 he was in the Army Chaplain Corps, serving in Alaska, the Aleutians, France, Germany and Austria.

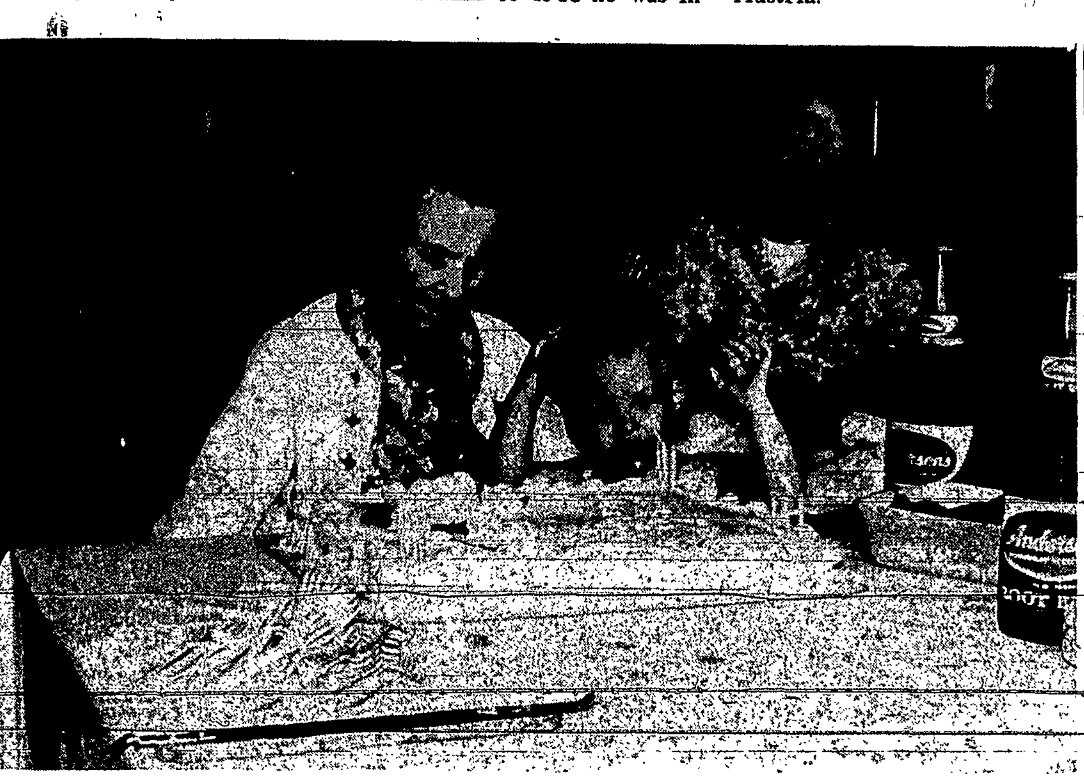
Father Erb is widely known in the field of communications. While in Africa he founded the Accra Catholic Press Bureau, and for a time acted as correspondent for the National Catholic News Service. He was director of the Catholic Youth Organization for the Accra Diocese, and set up the Catholic Mobile Cinema Unit.

He produced mission films which included "Missionaries of Tomorrow" and "Bringing the Cross to Africa," as well as a series of Divine Word Missionary television shows which were featured on several stations in the United States. He has given many lectures throughout the nation on periodic visits here.

For the last nine years Father Erb has been in charge of a portion of the Diocese of Tamale, in northeastern Ghana, which has been commissioned to the Divine Word Fathers. Serving with him are seven Divine Word Missioners, three brothers and four native African nuns.

There are four parishes and many missions. Father Erb has founded a technical school, and several clinics. Christians are a minority, with most of the natives being Moslems or pagans.

During his current visit to his homeland, Father Erb is seeking to update his knowledge and equipment for producing film strips, which he says are most important in his apostolate.



St. Ann's Resident Marks 100th Birthday

98 YEARS' DIFFERENCE — Fifth floor residents at St. Ann's Home surround Mrs. Mary Harding Smith to mark her 100th birthday. Joining festivities was a neighborhood youngster, 14-month-old Tom Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Zimmer, 115-A Onondaga Apts. Widowed many years ago, Mrs. Smith kept house for her two sisters until going to St. Ann's in 1964. Since then her sisters—Emma Harding, 98, and Ida, 94, also have entered home. They refused, however, to get into picture: "This is Mary's day — not ours."

Business in the Diocese

JOSEPH O'HEANEY

JAMES P. QUINLAN

Joseph O'Heaney, president of DeRidder, Inc., has announced the formation of a new company, Thurston Mailers, Inc., at 474 Thurston Road.

Associated with O'Heaney will be James P. Quinlan who will be vice president for sales and operations. Quinlan has been in the graphic arts and direct mail business in the Rochester area for more than 10 years.

Thurston Mailers has purchased Commercial Mailers and will retain M. Dorothy French as secretary and Louis Bombace as vice president, production.

O'Heaney is a member of St. John of Rochester Church and Quinlan belongs to Assumption.

Confrontation

A Fine Supplement

By JOAN ZUMMO

One of the textbook series being used in a number of parishes throughout the diocese is the "Bible, Life, and Worship" series published by the Allyn and Bacon Publishing Co. It has its own approach and strong points that may make it particularly suited to your program.

The fact that one particular series "Come to the Father" has been recommended as a standard for the diocese makes it imperative that teachers and administrators be familiar with a number of good texts. Although one text may outline the doctrine and methods for a course, teachers should use various texts as cross references and as resources for activities and ideas.

The Allyn and Bacon offering has several features which make it an excellent supplementary series. One is its unique and imaginative art work. The modern illustrations are low-key in terms of color and initial impact—Some could even be called somber.

It is a deliberate device to subordinate the picture to the message it conveys.' The pictures are often provocative in terms of starting discussions.

An example of this "loaded" art is a picture in the second grade text that shows three children of different ages looking at three pictures —one of the Last Supper, one of Christ on the cross, and one of a host and chalice. The ways that these themes can be used are numerous.

The actual historical sequence of events can be discussed, the correlation between the events pictured, how each picture shows the same happening but with what differences, how the different aged children in the picture might react and how that relates to the students.

Another feature of this series that can be incorporated into any course is the music that is included in the teachers manual. The musical selections are simple, liturgical, and theologically speaking, very sound. Many of them are based on familiar psalm tones or simple hymns, which can be a boon to a non-musical teacher.

The outline of this series is based on two 3-year cycles each of which is composed of a year devoted to a biblical-orientated approach, a year of liturgical emphasis, and a year during which Christian witness is emphasized. There is a student text and a teacher guide book for each grade. The teacher's manual is more specific in its outline and class suggestions than some other series, which may be of benefit to the inexperienced teacher.

SHAW APPOINTED AT NIAGARA U.

Michael H. Shaw, formerly of Rochester, has been named director of publicity at Niagara University. He is a 1958 graduate of Aquinas Institute, holds a journalism degree from St. Bonaventure University and lately has been suburban editor for the Niagara Falls Gazette.

Red Wings Name Knot Hole Night

The Rochester Red Wings have made Saturday, July 19, a Knot Hole Family Night to make up for the Family Night rained out June 27.

The baseball club also announced that Sunday, July 20 will be Little League Day and all Little League players are invited to be guests at Silver Stadium. Youngsters should wear their uniforms or some portion thereof for free admission to the game.

ST. ANN NOVENA

Elmira—Father Leo Byrnes, CP., is conducting a novena to St. Ann at St. Patrick's Church, with services each evening at 7:30.

Masses during the nine days are at 7:15 and 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The solemn closing will be at 7:30 p.m next Friday, July 25.

CHRISTOPHER CLUB

The St. Christopher Social Club will take children from St. Joseph's Villa on a picnic Sunday, July 20, at Hamlin Beach.

Next Sunday, July 27, the club will attend the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Ambrose Church.

BROCKPORT ORCHESTRA

The Brockport Summer Festival Orchestra, directed by Ascher Temkin, will give a concert at 8:15 p.m. Monday in the Nazareth College Arts Center.

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