



"Happy 7th Impossible Dream" was inscribed on birthday cake as staff and friends of St. Martin de Porres Center participated in an "open house" May 27 in newly-rented quarters at 575 Clinton Ave. N. The Center conducts scores of programs for the neighborhood poor. Pictured from left are John H. Coleman, president of Center's board of directors; Mrs. Lela McFadden, board member and volunteer sewing teacher; Mrs. Kim McFadden; two-year-old Maurice Lake, and Mrs. Margaret Muchard, Center's founder. Center welcomes volunteers.

St. Martin Center Expanding Program

Announcement of expanding programs featured an "open house" May 27 in the newly-rented St. Martin de Porres Center, 575 Clinton Ave. N., as the center began its seventh years of service to the neighborhood's poor.

Mrs. Margaret Muchard, who founded the center, announced that Melvin Stewart, 26, has been named assistant director, and that Jim Brown, 24, a semi-professional boxer, is director of athletics. He has inaugurated a full gymnasium program, including boxing bouts.

Among groups functioning at the center are Big Brothers and Sisters, two Little Boys Clubs, and clubs for teenage boys and girls. A clothing depot is operated daily, and a music program is being started. The schedule includes story hours for youngsters, and many classes in cooking, sewing, arts and crafts.

The center was started in 1963 in a small store front at 537 Clinton North. Its program was carried on despite a fire which almost completely destroyed the building in 1966. In 1968 a fund drive for new quarters and for operating costs brought \$118,000 in cash and pledges.

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Area Nun Named To College Post

Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa., has appointed Sister Barbara Brairton director of financial aid and women's housing.

Sister Barbara, a Mercyhurst alumna, has been college financial aid officer since last September. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Brairton of St. Mary's parish, Geneva, and is a graduate of Mercy High School.

Nun in Korea Takes Final Vows

Sister Mary Lou Herlihy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Herlihy of Reliance Street, has made her final profession of vows to the Maryknoll Missioners.

The ceremony took place in Seoul, South Korea, her parents reported. Sister Mary Lou will work at the Inchon mission when she has completed her studies in language school.

POPE NAMES BISHOP

Vatican City—(RNS)—Msgr. Richard T. McGrath has been named Bishop of St. George's, Canada, by Pope Paul. Bishop-elect McGrath is currently the vicar general of St. John's archdiocese in Newfoundland.

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'The Irish Mammie From Africa'

They call her the "Irish Mammie", for she is both mother and sister to the people of Sierra Leone, Africa. "Mammie" is an Irish missionary Sister who has spent the last 17 years curing and teaching and laughing and praying with the people of this small African village.

"Mammie" is an official member of many native families. At a recent wedding in the town, Sister was granted part of the girl's dowry (a privilege usually reserved for members of the immediate family). This assured her of her family status, as well as the right to give advice in any marital disputes which might arise.

What this little nun lacks in physical stature, she makes up for in stamina, courage, foresight and faith. When Sister first arrived in the village, there were no medical facilities at all. But her skill as a surgeon was matched only by her genius for invention. She erected a make-shift clinic and was soon on call 24 hours a day. She began classes—training medics and nurses. She toured the village giving instructions on basic hygiene and health care.

Today, Sister has a team of six missionary sisters who staff two mobile clinics, and a core of top-notch African nurses.

Yet, there are still many serious problems here. There is still a 40% to 50% infant mortality rate because of low nutritional standards. There is still a high rate of illiteracy. There are still poor farming and living conditions.

But "Mammie" is fiercely proud of her African family. When speaking of Africanization, Sister most emphatically states that African culture is "different", not "inferior". Her efforts both as doctor and missionary have clearly brought out the best of African culture.

And so it was for her African "family" that "Mammie" came to beg. She needs money to build a new medical centre; she needs money to train more nurses; she needs money for new equipment. And we, in turn, come begging to you for all the "Mammies" who work so lovingly and devotedly for all God's children. Please send your offering today.

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