



Jesse James Lives

Jesse James (center), unlike his great-great-grandfather, the legendary outlaw of the Old West, totes no gun. An ordained minister, he works with Campus Crusade for Christ at the University of Delaware. He says he never uses the "reverend" before his name. "The kids would run away, like I was some kind of green-eyed monster," the minister said. (RNS Photo)

POW Held 62 Months Starts Campaign Here

By JOHN DASH

Major James Nicholas Rowe came to Rochester last week to give a first hand account of living conditions of American servicemen held by the North Vietnamese, and the plight of the States-side families of prisoners-of-war and men missing in action.

Major Rowe is one of about 30 men who have escaped from North Vietnam prisoner-of-war camps. He made his escape New Year's eve, 1968, after more than 62 months of captivity.

The major and his wife Jane flew to Rochester, Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the request of an ad hoc committee composed of members of The American Legion, The National League of Families, Kiwanis, The Junior Chamber of Commerce and others.

As a member of the nationwide "Tell-It-to-Hanoi" Committee, Major Rowe urged area citizenry to write letters to North Vietnamese officials requesting that all prisoners be identified, that prison facilities be opened to neutral inspection, that prisoners be allowed regular communication with their families and that all seriously ill and wounded men be repatriated.

Letters may be addressed: Office of the President, Hanoi, Democratic Republic of North Vietnam.

In talks with reporters during his two-day stay, Major Rowe downplayed the impor-

tance of stories and rumors of physical mistreatment of prisoners held by Communists. "You know a bruise or a broken bone will heal," he said, "but if they crack your mind, then you know you're not coming back."

He said that faith in God, ("I learned that I was a pretty poor Protestant when I went there."), faith in his country and faith in his fellow Americans was what helped him survive what he described as "thought correction," which he said was the same as "brainwashing in the Korean War."

Queried on his reaction to a recent national TV broadcast of an interview with American POWs in Hanoi, Major Rowe said:

"It's like cleaning one little spot on the bottom of a fire blackened pot, then focusing on that little spot and pretending the whole bottom is clean."

Major Rowe feels that a letter-writing campaign to North Vietnam will goad the Communists into treating POWs even better than has been reported in recent weeks. Hanoi, he said, "is vitally concerned with what the average American thinks."

The major and his wife currently live in Baltimore, where he is taking the Army Intelligence School Advanced Course at Ft. Holabird, Md. He laid stress on the point that his appearance was done on his own time. The major awaits branch transfer from artillery to military intelligence.

CRASH KILLS BISHOP

Paris — (RNS) — One of the youngest Catholic prelates in France, Bishop Lugagne-Delpon, 49, of Pamiers in southwestern France, was fatally injured in a car accident. His vehicle went out of control and crashed head-on into a trailer truck on a route between Saint-Giron and Foix.

TUNEFUL TRINITY

Chuck Mangione, Bat McGrath and Don Porter will present "Freddie's Walkin'" at the Nazareth Arts Center Jan. 22-23 at 8:30 p.m.

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Deaths

Mrs. Fennessy

Mass of Resurrection was celebrated for Mrs. Hazel Buchan Fennessy at St. John the Evangelist, Greece, Jan. 16. She is survived by her husband, Richard M. Fennessy; one brother, Angus Buchan, and one nephew, John F. Buchan, both of Kensington, Md.

Mrs. Fennessy was a member of the Rosary Society, the Legion of Mary and the Greece Women's Republican Club.

Girl Scout Meeting Set

A "Girl Scout Happening" is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24 at Iroquois Middle School, 150 Colebrook Drive. The event is to inform young girls, parents, and the community in general of the "happenings" in Girl Scouts today. Nineteen Girl Scout troops will present craft sessions and displays, puppet shows, first aid, fashion show, outdoor and winter camping. Mrs. James Browne will show slides on camping.

CATHOLIC FIRST

London — (RNS) — An Anglican who became a Roman Catholic while a prisoner of war will become the first Catholic Lord Mayor of Westminster—a twin city of London—in May. He is Councillor John Wells, a member of Westminster City Council since 1956.

St. Francis of Assisi To Hold Unity Service

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester, will play host at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20 to an ecumenical service for seven area churches.

A combined choir drawn from each church, under the direction of Peter Stone of Trinity Lutheran, will provide the musical setting for the annual event marking Christian Unity Week. Carl Faber, from Holy Family, will serve as organist.

The sermon will be preached by Rev. Paul Folt, pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ; and the benediction will be said by Msgr. George Cozzu, pastor of Holy Family.

The participating churches are Grace Presbyterian, Holy Apostles, Holy Family, Lyell Avenue Baptist, St. Francis of Assisi, Trinity Lutheran, and Trinity United Church of Christ.

A coffee social hour will follow the service in St. Francis School hall.

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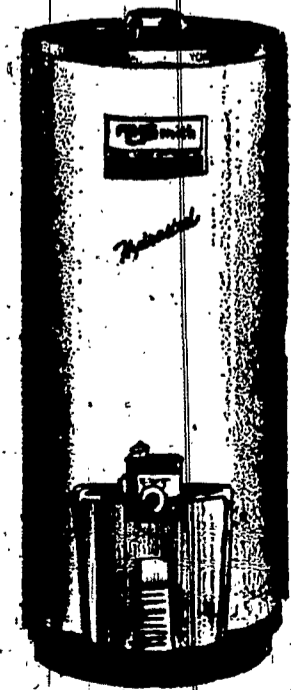
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Correction

The times of the Saturday evening Mass which fulfills the Sunday obligation for at least three Rochester parishes were incorrectly listed last week in the Courier-Journal.

The correct times of the Masses are as follows: Blessed Sacrament—5:15; Corpus Christi—6; St. Ambrose—5:30.

Parish correspondents are urged to call the Courier if the times for their Saturday Masses were incorrect.