

# Ghana, at Full Blast!

Accra, Ghana — At 64, Father Charles G. Erb, SVD, a Rochester native, is launched on yet another project in the missions of Ghana which calls upon his well-known ingenuity, enthusiasm and promotional ability.

Father Erb, who has long had a keen interest in promoting visual aides and modern techniques in mission work, until recently operated a mobile film unit in the hinterlands of Ghana, carrying his own power plant so films could be shown to residents of the villages. The screen was a sheet draped over a tree limb.

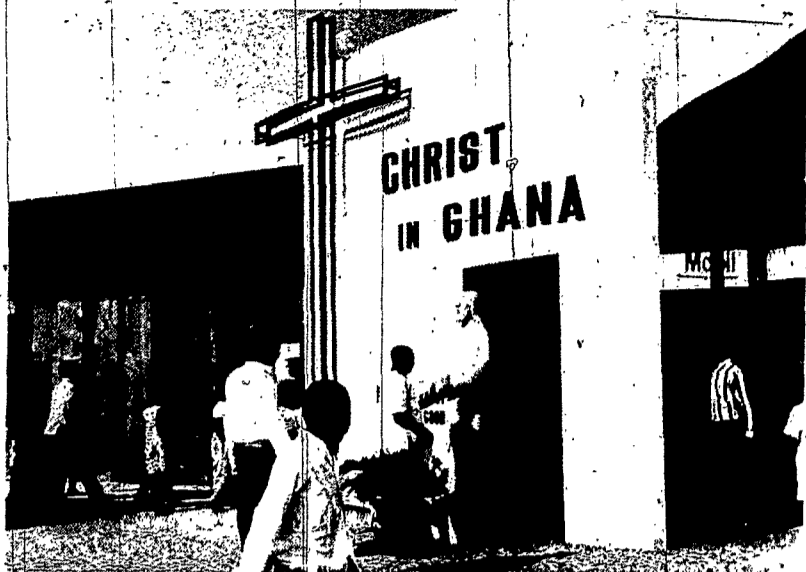
Now Father Erb is executive director for a new Department of Social Communications set up by the bishops of Ghana. With headquarters in Accra, he is in charge of organizing and promoting the church in the press, radio, TV and films.

"I'm a little ancient to be stretching out into this business," he said, "but I'll try to stay behind the scenes pushing the younger men and giving them ideas. I have three Ghanaian professionals lined up, one with 23 years experience with the Ghana Broadcasting Co."

First big project for the fledgling organization was an exhibit at the audio-visual aid Congress just concluded as part of the Ghana Trade Fair. "The Church in Ghana" was the theme for the Department of Communications exhibit. It was designed by Father Erb and the Rev. Joseph Jud, SVD, architect for the diocese of Ghana.

Several Divine Word Brothers helped with construction of the stand and outside was a life-size statue of Christ welcoming visitors to the stand. The statue was the creation of Jacob C. K. Gadge, artist from the Volta region.

The emphasis of the display was vice to others — as teachers, catechists, chaplains, nurses, journalists,



Father Erb's pavilion at the Ghana Trade Fair

youth leaders, through credit unions and cooperatives.

The residents of the blind school were present, making chairs and baskets, reading the gospel, taking dictation and typing; and students of Brother Tarcisius SVD showed how to make limbs, and crippled chil-

dren demonstrated how to use them.

Father Erb conducted a special tour of the stand for the prime minister of Ghana, Dr. K. A. Busia, and his wife. One local newspaper account remarked that the stand was "the talk of the fair."

## Science Fair Held At Hornell School

Hornell — An awareness of environmental and social problems was evidenced in the exhibits displayed by St. Ann's School pupils at the annual Science Fair last weekend.

More than 100 projects were shown by sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. Sister Mary Jude is science and mathematics teacher.

Colleen O'Neil, eighth grade, won the grand award for her study of water pollution. Second honors went to Christopher Koehler, a sixth grader, who showed plant growth and development.

Several exhibits showed the effects of drugs, alcohol and

smoking. One was concerned with the development of the sea as a source of food. Studies in biology included fetal as well as live animals. The appeal of space travel also was evident.

Two youngsters demonstrating jet-propulsion placed their exhibit near the rear door of the assembly hall and shot a rocket through the door as the judges approached.

Father Robert C. MacNamara, pastor, presented the awards. Winners included Kathleen Koehler, Kenneth Diehl and Patrick McHale, eighth grade; Diane Lackey, Corrine Munn and Michael Rahmlow, seventh; Joseph and John Colomalo and Kathy Baker, sixth.

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