



Inspecting Damage

Records of St. John's Fisher College are shown to Father Charles Lavery, president of the college, by his assistant John Maloney after a July 24 basement fire that caused the registrar's office to move into the auditorium.

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Francis Schmitt Named To Finance Committee

Elmira — Francis C. Schmitt has been elected chairman of Our Lady of Lourdes finance committee. Other officers on the committee, which deals with the financial matters of the local church, are William McElveney, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Henry J. Frailey, secretary.

Members of the committee elected to serve as representatives to two other parish or-

ganizations are William Burns, liaison to the Lourdes School Board, and Mrs. Donald H. Miller, liaison to the Parish Council.

The finance committee also has four additional members. They include Father Francis R. Davis, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes; Edward Wronkoski, trustee; Robert Mannix, auditor; and James O'Dea,

St. Charles Names Two

Elmira Heights — Richard Wilson has been elected a trustee and James Weigle elected an auditor of St. Charles Borromeo Church here. The two men were elected to the posts at a recent meeting of the Parish Staff.

Wilson and Weigle join the

Officers Named

Horseheads — New officers were recently elected for 1971-72 in the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary Our Mother Church here. Mrs. Carl N. Gismondi was named president of the group for the next year.

Other newly named officers are Mrs. David R. Turner, vice-president; Mrs. Basile Denissoff and Mrs. Paul R. Provenzano, second vice-presidents; Mrs. Robert O. Cannioto, secretary and Mrs. Albert Schillinger, treasurer.

Paganelli Gets "Oppy"

Elmira — Nicholas Paganelli, a member of St. Joseph's Hospital Inhalation therapy department, has received the hospital's second "Oppy Award".

Paganelli received the coveted award in a special presentation in the hospital cafeteria. N. Jackson Learned, a member of the hospital's Board of Directors, and Sister Margaret Adelaide, hospital administrator, jointly presented the award to Paganelli.

The award recipient joined the hospital staff in 1969. Paganelli's "kindness to his fellow employees, his ability to work well with others and particularly a true display of compassion for the sick and the ability to understand them" were cited as reasons for his selection for the continuing awards program at St. Joseph's.

The next "Oppy Award", which is presented to an outstanding member of the hospital staff, will be awarded in October.

Sister John

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The couple located another religious community, the Society of Brothers, in Kingswood, N.J., and moved east to join the group. There John Houssman died in 1955.

However, Sister Houssman continued with the community, until 1959.

She left the New Jersey community after visiting her sister in Ithaca.

"I sat next to this monk from the Mt. Saviour Monastery during the graduation exercises at Cornell University. I asked him if he thought Luther was a heretic. He finally answered me that he believed he was.

"For some reason I now felt that I had found the one true church where the people were honest with you about everything. It just came to me that if any church would be the one true church it had to be the Catholic Church." She was received into the Church Oct. 31, 1959.

Sister Houssman thought the process of switching to a Catholic religious community would be easy. However, it took her almost 10 years to be allowed to join the monastery.

"In either 1961 or '62 I started teaching at Our Lady of Lourdes here in Elmira. In 1969 I left the school, where I was teaching the fourth grade, in order to join the monastery," Sister Houssman explained.

What of Sister Houssman's children? She explained, "One daughter converted to Judaism and is living in Paris with her husband. My other daughter resides in Germany with her husband and goes to the Protestant church. So far I have one grandchild."

Does Sister Houssman think she copped out on society when she joined the monastery. "The answer is definitely no. I always have liked the community life and now I can devote my life to prayer."



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WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

In this ever-changing, ever-moving world of ours, sometimes it is good to stop for a while and take stock of ourselves. Who are we? What are we doing? Where are we going? How are we getting there?

Perhaps this is a good time to answer these same questions about The Society for the Propagation of the Faith. What is our purpose? How are we accomplishing our goals? In short, what's the Society all about?

To start at the beginning, the Society was founded a hundred and fifty years ago by a young French girl named Pauline Jaricot. Dedicated and enthusiastic, Pauline saw the needs of the Church everywhere, and decided that the WHOLE people of God ought to be responsible for both the spiritual and material needs of their brothers in Christ.

She figured that if each person gave just a little, then no one would have to remain in need. So Pauline gathered her friends together and urged them to set aside a small part of their weekly salary for the missions. The idea caught on and spread throughout the world. Today there are generous friends of the missions on every continent.

And that's how The Society for the Propagation of the Faith was born. It is simply a society FOR OTHERS. Our purpose is to awaken within each Christian a "sense of mission" — a sense of responsibility to all mankind. Once people realize this and act upon it, the Society provides the means for contributing to the areas most in need.

The Society supports over 135,000 missionaries who give witness to the goodness of a loving and merciful God, included in its apostolic mission is the formation of native clergy and religious — those who know their local customs and culture. Presently, the Society supports 13,000 priests, sisters and laity from the local churches in mission lands, as well as 56,000 native seminarians.

The Society is also involved in auxiliary works of a social nature, supporting: 100,000 schools; 1,000 hospitals; 2,374 orphanages; 127 leprosantries; and 867 homes for the aged. The Society is also responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of many parishes and dioceses in 833 mission territories — places which literally could not exist without this help.

For all of this missionary activity, the Society relies solely on the free offerings of the people of God all over the world. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith gives its all to the missions every year. Nothing is saved. Nothing is invested. The continued and unfailingly generosity of its members is its only support.

In a single thought — we rely on YOU. If you do not help us, we cannot help the missions. Please spend some time now to take stock of yourself. If you find that you're as concerned as we are about the poor of the world, make your concern visible by sending your check to The Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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