



FR. PAUL J. CUDDY

## On The Right Side

At 12:25 Aug. 23 Father William Cosgrove and the nice Penn Yan housekeeper welcomed me. Fr. C. is interesting and at times irritating. On the plus side, he is a zealous pastoral priest. He visits the sick. He instructs and counsels the sharp and the dull. He is cordial and involved with the area citizenry. He loves the Mass and prays the Breviary. He is actively conscious of the electronic communications as a means to preach the Gospel. Each week he tapes a half hour message for the Dundee radio station. I have heard only one tape but was well impressed.

(If St. Paul were at the Bishops Conference in Washington, the Catholic Church would be greatly involved in spreading the Gospel through radio and TV. Imagine the impact on men's souls if the TV presented the holiness of the Church as skillfully as it did with history in the recent series: "Henry VIII and His Six Wives." But since there are few St. Pauls in the Hierarchy or outside it, TV in particular is in the manipulating hands of what Our Lord calls "the World." Note the volume of anti-Christian influences in TV: movies which are frequently elongated seduction scenes; or moral sentimental things; or the awful stuff from the David Susskind Peeping Tom type of show; or Love, American Style—which is an educative show for malleable youngsters on the hows, whys and wheres of sniggering sensuality and amorality.)

Although his bent in theology is traditional, Father Cosgrove enjoys speculative theology. This noon he proposed this: "Since there is no time in eternity, then after death we will meet not only Christ and Our Lady and our friends, but also those who are not yet born."

He knew the proposition was false, but to match wits and to enjoy my irritation he continued sundry speculative possibilities, which were as foolish as the concept of a stick having only one end. Anyway, we had an interesting dialectic luncheon of vegetable soup, hot and buns, and ice cream; plus the speculation on the quasi-Platonic idea of souls dwelling in eternity awaiting bodily encasement!

Between Geneva and Waterloo I picked up a young hitch hiker. He was about 19; clean, long-haired, handsome. As he climbed into the car he said "Hello, Father," with that easy possessiveness which American Catholics have had toward their priests. His conversation was so interesting that I drove

## N.D. Women Celebrate 20th

The Notre Dame Women's Organization will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a champagne reception on Thursday, Sept. 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Century Club.

Guests of honor will be the following past presidents: Ruth Flynn, Marion Sullivan, Dorothy Connelly, Bernadine Jones, Ruth Mead, Mary Ellen Higgins, Evelyn Morrison, Elynore Booth, Claire Duffy, Mary Casey.

Also, Gail Reeves, Teresa Hanna, Ellen Yurgeaitis, Virginia Bergin, Eileen Wurzer, Rosemary Klee, Jeanette Gerace.

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miles out of my way in order to listen to him.

He is a graduate of a Catholic high school, from Rochester. I enquired: "Do you go to Mass?" He replied: "Not too much."

"Can you put your finger on just why you don't go to Mass very much?" It was the usual thing. He is disappointed by the lack of leadership in the Church. He feels the U.S. government is corrupt. He feels that Mao Tse-tung and the Communists have a bad American press, and that they are really misunderstood revolutionaries. His senior religion classes he feels were banal, and from what he said, I think so too. He feels our bishops are too disinterested in the poor and needy.

I thought to myself: "All this is a bit severe coming from a youngster who was working neither for himself nor for the underprivileged, but was spending his summer swimming and recreating at the family cottage." And I recalled myself at his own age: so unrealistically idealistic; so full of simple, unworkable solutions; so earnest and sure in my own convictions. I smiled to think: "Given a passing 45 years and here is my Soul Brother." But I kept discreetly silent.

Despite "the gap" my friend accepted me well. As he got out of the car he shook hands and said: "If you should be visiting Father X (his pastor) I'd like to have you stop at our home for a visit. We live near the church."

I was touched by his earnestness. It's not every day that a discontented teenager will look at one my age as a friend. Some day I will stop at his home, I should like to meet his parents as well as himself again. I would guess that the son probably gives the parents many an anxious hour; but I think this son will develop and mature to be a joy to them, and to the Church.

## Miss Kimmel Retires

Wayland — Miss Beatrice Kimmel of West Maple St. has decided to give up her position as Wayland Town Clerk.

It was difficult for her to announce her retirement Tuesday, Sept. 7. She will close five consecutive terms, 10 years, as Town Clerk at the end of this year. Although a Democrat in a heavily Republican town, not once during that period was she ever opposed in an election. This year she chose to decline the nomination and say goodbye to the Town Hall office.

She went to St. Joseph's School and Wayland High School and then enrolled in a business course at Stella Niagara Seminary near Buffalo. Her first permanent work was with Wayland Attorney Edward A. Gilroy, being his legal secretary for 28 years. She says "everything I learned there contributed to my other work. I owe a lot to that early training."

As the clerk's duties increased through the years, she found herself assuming more responsibilities. In January



MISS KIMMEL

1968 she was also appointed welfare officer.

Although never married, Miss Kimmel estimates she has issued between 250 and 300 marriage licenses in her time and says, "That's a lot you know, for a small town."

She is an active member of St. Joseph's Church, and a former director and treasurer of

the Wayland Community Chest and former president and vice president of the Steuben County Town Clerks Association of which she is still a member.

But she said she's "never had time for much of an outside life." "Yes," she admits, "I guess you might say, I have been married to my work." If you ask the Main St. people in Wayland to look back over the last 38 years when Beatrice has been a vibrant part of the business and government scene, they will probably agree in one voice: "Her heart and soul have been in her work."

Now she has time for taking walks or going on short trips. She says, "Now that I've made up my mind, if the good Lord lets me, I'm looking forward to doing some of these things." Then in typical Beatrice Kimmel style, she added: "Oh, I'm planning to come back to the building for a while after the first of the year to the first of the year to get things cleaned up and sorted out and get everything arranged for the new clerk. "I'll just come and go as I feel like it," she smiled.

## 34 Frosh Sign Up at Hospital

Hornell — Thirty-four freshman students, the largest freshman class in the history of St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing started classes Sept. 13. The class, which includes two men and two married women, reported last Wednesday for registration and orientation. Upperclassmen were on hand at the freshman residence, to welcome and assist new students "settle in". Miss Loretta Haefele school director, and members of the faculty greeted the students at the education center, DeSales Hall, where books and supplies were issued. Climaxing the day an all school picnic was held in the hospital rose garden.

Welcoming the students, Sis-

ter Mary Rene, administrator, said, "We think of hospital people as special people, dedicating their lives to the service of others. You are now joining with well over 430 members of our staff who work for our

patients. I am certain that in working for patients, your life will be enriched by them, and theirs by you." Sister Rene introduced the department heads, and Miss Haefele presented the school staff.



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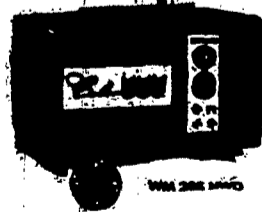
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