



Barn Art

This barn on the Eugene Semler farm on Chili Ave. may be the only one in diocese with stained glass windows. His father, says Mr. Semler, bought the windows back in the 1920s when he peddled potatoes in the city, from a man who owed him money for produce. The barn is still used for farming and cats.

Fiji Church Honors Rochester Priest

By MARGARET CONNOLLY

ARCHBISHOP BLESSES ROCHESTER CHURCH, the headlines proclaim.

There follows an account of the prelate's 80-mile journey by tourist boat and launch, "with a heavy sea running."

Two more hours of inland boating next day completed the trip to the new church of St. John of Rochester, that stands as a memorial to Father John LeVeque in the watery, wide-spread parish of Kadavu, Fiji.

The story is in the Fiji Islands Missions Newsletter, received here by several people who helped the late Father LeVeque with his project — to provide \$2,500 for materials to build the church.

Father LeVeque, founder of St. John of Rochester parish in Perinton, died April 17, 1968, before he had reached his goal, but his friends finished raising the money. The islanders hauled gravel and sand by canoe and with their own hands built a frame structure on a concrete base. This is the building that Archbishop George H. Pearce blessed after his arduous journey from Suva, Fiji's capital.

Father LeVeque's interest in the island missions grew through his friendship with an Englishman he accidentally met — Father James Dutton. The latter, whose work is in Fiji, came here on money-raising expeditions and "stayed more than once with Father LeVeque," the local priest's sister recalls.

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Mrs. E. Eugene Lynch of Lake Aveune said her brother was "so impressed with Father Dutton's work, and how hard it was for him financially."

"I remember his telling," she said, "how Father Dutton had come all the way across the country by train, without money to buy food en route."

In the island newsletter, Father Dutton wrote:

"I knew Father LeVeque very well . . . He was a good priest and a zealous one and he will be remembered regularly by our Kavadu people who will be using the church built in memory of this generous priest of God"

New Council Sees Religion As Essential to Education

New York — Representatives of 40 national educational and religious bodies voted unanimously last week to form a National Council on Religion and Public Education to find a constitutionally acceptable and educationally appropriate way of including religion in secular programs in public schools.

The council, described as a "loose alliance of independent organizations," would represent the first nationwide gathering of professional, educational, religious and civic organizations which have sought in various ways to include "the religious aspect" of the American heri-



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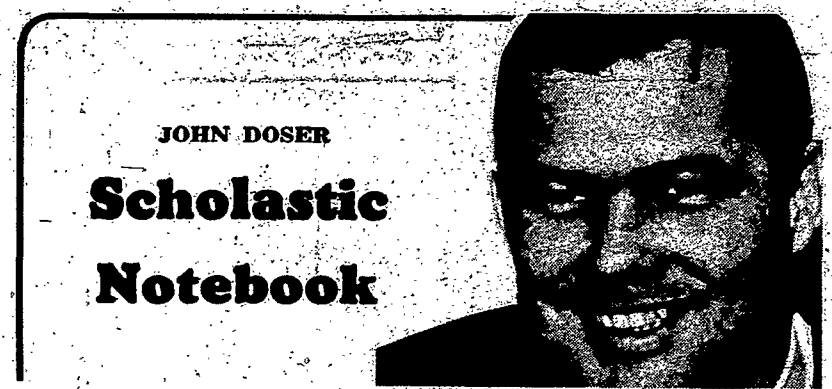
An impromptu magic show can be staged anytime, anywhere by Father Austin Hanna, chaplain at St. Joseph's Villa. A few simple props and Father shows a delighted audience wonders like two strings which move when he pulls one, although they're not connected, and kerchiefs that come out of ears.

tage in the curricula of public schools. The decision to form the council is subject to ratification by the individual organizations involved.

A majority of participants in the initial meeting favored introducing the religious dimension in such regular courses as social studies, literature and the arts, where it is relevant and necessary to the understanding of events, the history of ideas, and the development of western culture.

Others preferred the development of special courses, such as "The Bible as Literature," while many representatives were willing to accept both ap-

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Scholastic Notebook

Ouch.

The request by Rochester Catholic schools to join Section 5 was turned down according to a one sentence note sent to member schools by Section 5 president Carl Palumbo, principal at Victor Central School.

The defeat of the proposal, which would have permitted Aquinas, Kearney, Mooney, McQuaid, Geneva DeSales etc., to participate in the highly successful public school sectional tournaments on a two-year experimental basis, was not surprising, but the result of the vote still leaves a sour taste.

It reminds us of busy neighbors talking behind your back, but you don't know who they specifically are. Palumbo did not release the actual vote. It's fair to ask do the Catholic schools know who their friends really are?

We don't know for sure who they are either. We guess the whole matter will come before the section again next year and perhaps if the differences are resolved, a future vote may be different.

Palumbo did say Sections 3 (Syracuse) and 4 (Southern Tier) are experimenting and that he has heard of no major problems.

FATHER Nicholas H. Wegner, director of Boys Town, is a tentative guest at next September's Oldtimer's Reunion scheduled for the Mapledale Party House.

We aren't sure whether he or his predecessor, the late Father

Flanagan (you know, Spencer Tracy in the movies) ever made it to Rochester when the Nebraskans played football against Aquinas, but Father Wegner will be among stunning company for the oldtimer's fete.

These big names are on the roster according to John "Doc" Herring and John W. Molinari, the coordinators of the reunion: names only. (the biographies are too long) George M. Weiss, Bob Shawkey, John Antonelli, Monte Irwin, George Specs Toporcer, Joe Brown, Nat Holman, Nat Hickey, Jim Wicky McAvoy, Shifty Gears, Tom Castle, Bob Keegan, Al Cervi, Benny Borgmann, Bob Stewart, Bill Hassett, George Glamack, Morrie Silver, Henry Dutch Dehnert, Millie Ignizio Martorella, Irving Crane, Marty Barry, Frank Guzzetta, John D. Honey Russel and possibly Frank Lane.

Herring is inviting any oldtimer who played in sports prior to 1946 to attend the dinner. The highlight of the night will be the revelation of an "Oldtime All-Star Schoolboy Team" in addition to honoring the best female semipro baseball and basketball players in western and central New York.

Herring and Molinari, who together are rounding up the guests, will turn the proceeds from the dinner over to the American Foundation for the Blind and the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

They're shooting for a grand total of 1500 oldtimers to come and get together for an evening to "reflect on the 20's and the 30's, through the kaleidoscope of memories."

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