



Former Nun FBI Agent

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — A former Roman Catholic nun has become one of the first two women ever assigned as FBI special agents. Her appointment was announced following completion of a 14-week training program at the federal agency's Quantico, Va., academy.

She is Joanne E. Pierce, 31, who was a member of the Sisters of Mercy from 1959 to 1970. After leaving the religious life, she worked in a clerical capacity for the FBI in Washington until she applied last Spring to become an agent.

The other woman agent is Susan Lynn Roley, a former lieutenant in the Marine Corps, who completed her service last July just a few days before joining the FBI.

A spokesman for the FBI said no graduation ceremony was held and that the two women will report immediately to their assignments — Miss Roley in Omaha and Miss Pierce in St. Louis.

The no-woman-agent policy, rigidly enforced during the 48-year term of former FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, was changed last May. Miss Pierce and Miss Roley are the first women to succeed. (Thirty women had applied for special agent posts.)

Red Cross Asks For Blankets

Elmira — With winter expected soon, and a substantial number of Southern Tier homes still without adequate heating, the Elmira Red Cross has asked for donations of blankets.

Stan Douglas, public relations director at St. Joseph's Hospital, said that the blankets are necessary as a "stockpile for the winter."

Hospital Gets Cascio Gifts

Elmira — Two pieces of special medical equipment have been donated to St. Joseph's Hospital here as part of the Mary Cascio Memorial Fund.

Mrs. Cascio, RN, died a year ago. She was a member of the hospital's obstetrical team up until the time of her death.

In special ceremonies Mrs. Cascio's husband, daughter and son and daughter-in-law presented the gifts to hospital officials.

The equipment includes a Holter Infusion Pump, a mechanical device for administering small amounts of intravenous solution with precise control, and an Infant Resuscitator designed to assist in resuscitation and clearing the air passages of the newly born infant.

Graduation Held For Radiology

Elmira — Seven students graduated recently from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Radiologic Technology. The graduation ceremonies were held in the hospital's Interfaith Chapel.

Patsy Stroman received the Dr. Fred Barton Award for scholastic achievement, while Jeanne Ervin received the Dr. Joseph J. Montanarella Award for outstanding student.

Persons wishing to donate clean blankets, new or used, can send them to the Elmira Red Cross Chapter, 462 W. Church St. Elmira, N.Y. 14905.

McGhan Scholarship Hospital Sets Up

Elmira — A scholarship in the name of the late Msgr. Philip E. McGahn has been established at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing here.

The scholarship fund was established because of contributions made to the hospital in Msgr. McGahn's name shortly after his death. Msgr. McGahn was former chaplain at St. Joseph's and pastor emeritus at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Elmira.

The scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis.

In a related development, the dedication of the nearly completed McGhan Hall was made recently by hospital officials.

50 YEARS

Elmira — Sister Vincent Joseph Miles received her 50 year service pin recently in ceremonies held at St. Joseph's Hospital.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

West Elmira — A Marriage Encounter Night will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes School here on Thursday at 8 p.m. The program is open to all.



'Sounder' Due

Kevin Hooks stars in *Sounder*, a major new Hollywood feature that will have its Rochester premiere at 9:45 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18 in *Imaginations*, Rochester's second Festival of World Films. Based on the Newberry Award winning novel about a Southern black family during the depression, *Sounder* also stars Paul Winfield and Cicely Tyson.

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