



Cease-Fire Tragedy

A small Vietnamese boy cries atop the flag-draped grave of his father, a soldier killed in one of South Vietnam's cease-fire skirmishes. Wearing a white headband as a sign of mourning, the youngster was at a cemetery near Saigon. [RNS].

City May Honor Catholic Founder

By PAT PETRASKE

Names like Anthony, Eastman and Schuyler which can be seen swinging on area street corner signs bring to mind several noted Rochesterians.

In an effort to keep in step with this preservation of the city heritage through the designation of geographic locations, Mayor Stephen May has proposed to the City Planning Commission that the Crossroads Plaza West be renamed Carroll Park in honor of Major Charles Carroll.

Carroll joined with Nathaniel Rochester and William Fitzhugh in the founding of "Rochesterville" in 1803 and was a trustee for the first Catholic Church in Upstate New York, located in Geneseo.

City Planning Commission chairman, Charles Swan, sees "no problem" with the suggestion and believes the commission will approve it. The proposal will be voted at a June 25 meeting. The proposal would not only honor one of the three original founders but would eliminate confusion between the nearly completed Crossroads Park East and the already completed Crossroads Park West located behind the Flagship Hotel.

In 1811 Rochester had named a village street after Carroll but a squabble between the village trustees and Carroll's son changed the name to State Street.

"Historians believe that the village trustees desired to retaliate against Carroll's son who had won a law suit against the village," said Father Robert F. McNamara, professor of history at St. Bernard's Seminary and historian for the diocese.

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Jail Project Wins Award

The National Association of Counties Achievement Award has been conferred upon a Monroe County jail project aimed at reducing the high rate of recidivism among inmates.

Known as the Singer/Craflex Monroe County Pilot Probation Jail Project, it attempts to evaluate and train inmates through programs of education, job survival skills, job placement and supportive services.

By May 2, 1973, 117 inmates out of 147 had been placed in jobs. "Of these, 111 have retained their positions, with an hourly earning of \$2.95," said Albert J. Benedetto, rehabilitation director of the jail.

National figures show a 60-80 per cent rate of return to crime within five years, Benedetto stated. "I am not able to determine the exact rate of recidivism here at the Monroe County jail. But studies show that only one inmate who was placed on a job under the Singer/Craflex project has been convicted of a new crime," he said.

Benedetto added that the remaining five inmates who are no longer employed may have

been laid off or sought work elsewhere.

The program, devised and manned by a five-man team from the Craflex Division of The Singer Co., has had 289 participants with 266 inmates completing the course and 23 still in training.

Benedetto explained that inmates become available for job placement through the work release program, parole or completion of sentence.

The academic component of the Singer/Craflex project attempts to improve participants' employability by upgrading academic achievement levels. Inmates work toward a high school equivalency diploma or

the improvement of individual achievement levels.

Through individual and group instruction, and tutoring, 35 inmates have received their high school equivalency diplomas. "Our old program which used only volunteers produced an average of only two diplomas per year," said Benedetto.

Ten vocational work stations have also been set up under the project to create a simulated work situation where inmates complete a series of tasks.

The work stations test inmate skills in drafting, plumbing, woodcraft, refrigeration, heating, sales, sewing and basic tooling. Singer/Craflex instructors then evaluate the inmate's completed tasks for job suitability.

Father Hempel Retires From Army Service

Father John J. Hempel, a two-hat man for many years, hung up his Army helmet last week and returned to Becket Hall as a retired colonel.

He had been chaplain for 15 years to the National Guard's 209th Artillery Group.

"I'm going to miss the whole operation," he said, at the end of his last two-week tour of duty at Camp Drum.

"I've come to know a lot of great people over the years, and I really believe they have helped my priesthood."

At Camp Drum, he was given the state's Meritorious Service and Conspicuous Service medals and the Eagle of the colonel's rank. He didn't expect all that.

Father Hempel has been rector for the past two years of Becket Hall, where future priests live

during their student days at St. John Fisher College. From 1967 until 1971 he worked in the rural and urban agencies that later became the Office of Human Development, and he ran this office at its start. He also has served several parishes as associate pastor in his 19 years of priesthood.

But before all that began, he was a soldier. On graduating from Aquinas, he enlisted as an Army medical corpsman and served through World War II — 21 months on European battlefronts. He stayed in the reserve and studied at Fordham for a year. Then he resigned his captain's commission to enter the seminary.

He has one more duty to discharge for the military. As elected chaplain of the State Militia Association, he will give the invocation and benediction at an annual convention dinner this Fall.

Business In The Diocese

Marine Midland Realty Credit Corporation has announced the election of four directors, including Martin F. Birmingham, executive vice president of Marine Midland Bank — Rochester. The others are: Donald E. Cielewicz, executive vice president of Marine Midland Bank — Western; Alfred R. Heath, senior vice president of Marine Midland Bank — New York; and Hartwell P. Morse Jr., president of Marine Midland Bank — Southern.

Birmingham is an alumnus of the Graduate School of Credit and Financial Management of Dartmouth College and the Executive Management program of Columbia University. He joined Marine Midland Bank — Rochester in 1954. He was named a vice president in 1956, a senior vice president in 1967, and executive vice president in 1968.

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