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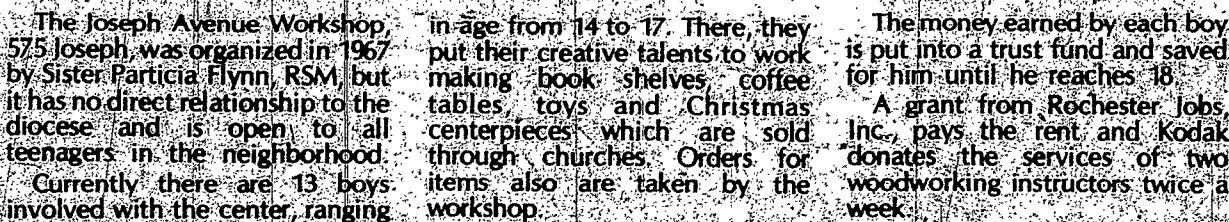
Anthony Edmonson [right] and Joe Maeb [below] hard at work.



The Joseph Avenue Workshop, 575 Joseph, was organized in 1967 by Sister Patricia Flynn, RSM, but it has no direct relationship to the diocese and is open to all teenagers in the neighborhood. Currently there are 13 boys involved with the center, ranging

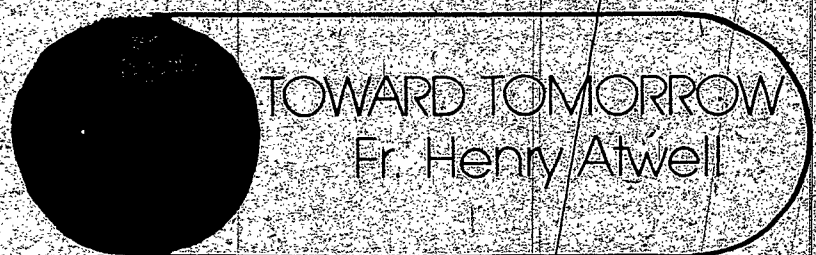
in age from 14 to 17. There, they put their creative talents to work making book shelves, coffee tables, toys and Christmas centerpieces which are sold through churches. Orders for items also are taken by the workshop.

Left, Sister Patricia assists Rodney Williams with his woodworking project. Below, 'O.J.' Danzy, 3, whose two older brothers are 'alumni' of the workshop attends every day and has become its mascot.



The money earned by each boy is put into a trust fund and saved for him until he reaches 18. A grant from Rochester Jobs, Inc., pays the rent and Kodak donates the services of two woodworking instructors twice a week.

# Shaping Their Future



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A layman who is quite knowledgeable about bishops remarked recently, "Anybody who knows what being a bishop demands these days and takes the job has to be out of his mind."

When I was a lad in the seminary I saw Bishop Kearney robed in red and ermine presiding at Holy Week rites, garbed in brocade and wearing a jeweled miter for Easter Mass, thousands cheering him and praying with him at massive outdoor ceremonies in Red Wing Stadium. I thought a bishop's job was one of splendor, throngs and rituals. Now I realize I saw but the frosting on a job that required agonizing hours of meetings, analysis and decisions often heartbreaking to make.

If that was true a quarter century ago, it is exponentially more true today.

Perhaps a bishop's most difficult task today is to live in a world and even a Church where few people think he's at all significant for them. Test yourself and ask yourself, "Has my life, as a citizen or as a member of the Church, been affected in any real way this past week/month/year by the fact that we have a bishop — even four bishops?"

The bishops themselves don't seem to be able to do much about changing this image of irrelevance, as evidenced at their recent national convention. They met against the backdrop of the Watergate mess, the aftermath of ten years of war in Vietnam, a worldwide energy crisis with its built-in danger that the poor will be most victimized and the rich only the more enriched.

No one really expects the bishops to get themselves entangled in partisan politics nor does anyone look to them for

technical competence in science and trade affairs.

But there are moral questions deeply embedded in these issues and for the bishops to devote their time puzzling over which should come first, confession or communion for seven-year-olds, or whether American adults can be trusted or not to touch the communion wafer, and then ask the Catholics of the nation to return to the Marian devotions of past decades, then the bishops do inevitably lay themselves open to a question about their own relevance.

The pity is, however, that they did do much more than just debate these ritual and piety matters. They took a stand on the side of long exploited farm workers and for the striking workers at the Farah slacks company. The bishops didn't get much publicity on this action of theirs and, if they had, the Archie Bunker Catholics would have only reacted in defiance anyway. So no matter what a bishop does these days, he only gets shunted farther and farther onto the sidelines of life.

The nation's bishops have also spoken out on one other topic and gained zilch from the overwhelming majority of priests and people. They have asked for amnesty for those young Americans who for conscience sake refused to kill for us during the Vietnam war. Here is a moral issue affecting thousands — not just the young men themselves but their families too — and our bishops have taken a strong leadership role only to find their troops are either ignorant of the direction indicated or adamant against it.

Whether bishops are relevant or not, the layman's comment was indeed perceptive.

## Courts Subject Of Noon Series

The Judicial Process Commission of the Genesee Ecumenical Ministries will begin the year's luncheon series next week with a second Report to the Community presented by the Task Force on Courts, Jan. 9. Other topics for the month include Jury Selection, Jan. 16; Selection of Judges, Jan. 23, and Does Plea Bargaining Benefit Society, Jan. 30.

The meetings are held Wednesdays from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

## \$6,000 Donated for Flood Relief

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan has announced the gift of \$6,000 to Community Progress, Inc., in Corning. The \$6,000 gift was contributed from the remaining monies of the Southern Tier Flood Relief funds. Community Progress, Inc., purchased houses ruined by the 1972 flood, renovates them and sells them to needy families for the purchase price, plus the cost of materials.

The free labor is organized and supervised by Community Progress, Inc., a nonprofit group.

## Deaths

### Mary Wamp

Dansville — Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Friday, Dec. 28 for Mrs. Paul Wamp of Dansville who was killed when Arab terrorists fire-bombed a Pan-Am jet in Rome, Italy, two weeks ago. Father Richard O'Connell officiated at the Mass of the Resurrection.

Mrs. Wamp was on her way to Saudi Arabia to spend the holidays with one of her sons. She is survived by her husband, Paul Wamp, Dansville postmaster, and three children, a brother, Thomas Moogan of Wellsville and a sister, Margaret of Detroit. Burial was in Greenmount Cemetery, Dansville.

in the main hall of the First Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Plymouth. Observers may bring a sandwich, and beverage is provided. More information may be obtained through 325-7727.

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