



Father Freemesser with men at Ford Leonard Wood.

'A Big Job for a Big Man'

For four weeks every year, Father Paul Freemesser is liable to hear shouts of "Hi, Captain," or "Hey, Chaplain," or "Hello, Father."

Father Freemesser is copastor of St. Michael's Church, and according to M. Sgt. Thomas A. Benedict, is also the "Big Man" at Ford Leonard Wood, Mo.

Benedict noted that Father

Freemesser has, for the last four years, been spending two weeks of his personal vacation on Active Duty for Training, and two weeks of Annual Training, to relieve the load on the four priests regularly stationed at Ford Leonard Wood.

Father Freemesser's duties, Benedict said, include teaching class in discipline, morality and

tradition along with moral decision making and moral responsibilities. He also has a regular schedule for Mass, hospital calls and counseling sessions.

It's "a big job for a big man, who does an excellent job," Benedict said.

Robbery's lesson

Parish Funds No Longer For the Taking

Immaculate Conception school children and their families were the real victims of a rectory robbery last week, Father Paul Brennan said.

"And there'll be no more money kept in this rectory," he declared Friday, the morning after a man with a sawed-off shotgun ran off with the contents of the safe, about \$2,500.

"The Council of Inner City Parishes can't afford this loss,"

the pastor said. "I feel that the mission of the Church in this area is to keep the schools open. A parish's loss is a school's loss."

Father Brennan said that henceforth all money collected would be picked up immediately by an armored vehicle service.

He said he and some parishioners had put away bingo receipts Thursday night at the Edinburgh Street rectory when the doorbell rang, around 11

o'clock. He went alone to the door. A boy asked to be allowed to use the telephone, and in rushed an armed man. It was all over very quickly, the priest reported. Facing a gun, he handed over the contents of the safe, and the bingo workers in the living room didn't know anything had happened until the door slammed after the thief. One looked out a window and a gun shot resounded.

Father Brennan said that at first he thought it would be well not to air the story, lest it encourage thievery. His second thought, he said, was that the story might stand as a warning to other pastors not to keep any money in the house.

SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK



John Doser

HAVE MERCY — Kathy Ter-motto of Mercy High displayed little mercy as she methodically played her way to the Girls Singles Tennis Tournament Championship at the Harley School. Kathy won the title by defeating Shauna Allen of Harley, 10-4. In other matches en route to the title, Kathy defeated Cindy Olson, Pittsford Sutherland, 10-2; Gretchen Taub, Brighton, 10-2; and Cathie Thomas, Webster Thomas, 10-9. Kathie Curmick, Bishop Kearney, was eliminated in the semifinals when she lost to Shauna Allen, Lisa Petote, St. Agnes, lost in a first round match.

MERCY AGAIN — If Mercy High Sister Cathy Pfleger ever seeks employment in the coaching field, her credentials will be impressive. Sister Cathy coached the Mercy High girls soccer team to a 8-0-2 City-Catholic League record, extraordinary considering it was Mercy's first year of competition in the C-C league. Mercy also made it to the finals of the Section 5, Class A, girls soccer tournament, but lost 3-0, to Palmyra-Macedon in a night game at Marion Central School. The Pal-Mac victory, which won the Wayne County school its first

sectional championship in any sport, was Mercy's first loss of the season. It was a disappointing experience for Mercy goalie Eileen Smith who had only allowed seven goals through Mercy's previous 14 games.

THE OTHER DESALES — The DeSales Saints of the Wayne-County Football League have worked hard this fall to shed the distinction of being "The Other DeSales," a reference generally accorded the Geneva school in comparison with its Lockport cousin by the same name. While DeSales of Lockport was highly ranked among the state's smaller gridiron powers this fall, DeSales Geneva Coach Harry Furman did manage to earn his troops honorable mention recognition in the state's small school poll. The Saints also finished in a three-way tie for the Wayne-Finger Lakes League's Western Division championship with Lyons and Victor. All finished with 6-1 league marks.

ALL STARS — Bob Birecree of Aquinas was named the outstanding runner of the City-Catholic League's Division I cross country circuit. He and teammate Leo Finucane were named to the first All-Star team as were Mark Farrell and Tom Lott of McQuaid, Bill Kuebel of Bishop Kearney and Neil Moore of Cardinal Mooney. Moore finished 55th in the Intersectional Meet at Sunken Meadows, Long Island, with a 16:19 time for the 3.0 mile route.

GRADUATES — Dan Parker (McQuaid) felt to be the main reason behind success of Geneseo State's 1974 cross country team this fall. Parker switched from soccer to cross country. Ernie Hanna (Bishop Kearney) is wrestling at Oswego State.

Deaths

Sr. Agnes, SSMN

Sister Agnes Marie, SSMN, a teacher for 61 years, died Nov. 2, 1974, at Mt. St. Mary of Namur Convent in Kenmore, after a long illness. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the convent Nov. 4.

Sister Agnes Marie, christened Margaret Dieglemann, was a sister of Mrs. James V. (Mary) McGrath of Rochester. She taught in South Bend, Ind., Binghamton, Buffalo, Lockport and Kenmore, and at Mt. St. Mary's.

Survivors include many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Clara Rice

Miss Clara H. Rice of The Heritage died unexpectedly Nov. 8, 1974, at the age of 86.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 11 in the chapel of St. Ann's Home.

Miss Rice is survived by a sister, Mrs. John L. (Florence) Keenan, and the following nieces and nephews: Mrs. Edwin (Virginia) Gosnell of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Robert L. (Bernadette) Stoffel, Miss Dorothy Rice, John L. Keenan Jr., and Richard M. and Dr. Thomas A. Keenan of Washington, D.C.

IN THIS CORNER



George Beahon

Heaven help us, the banquet season is upon us. For its size, Rochester must lead the majors and minors in oratorical and eating contests honoring sports celebrities and our own teams and designated awards guests.

Newest biggie on the calendar is the Rochester-Monroe County Hall of Fame Dinner coming up Nov. 21 at the War Memorial, two bits a copy. That's ten dollars less than the annual Gannett-Press Radio Club Charities bash in late January. In today's economy, it may be tough to recruit a whole gang at \$25, but this new affair has some real, homespun appeal.

Five new people will be inducted into the Hall of Fame, which has a mini-display at the War Memorial now. Originally honored were JoAnn Keyser, Johnny Antonelli and the late Don Hollender. The six new members are Donnie Allen, winner of a total of 11 District and State golf championships, now an insurance executive; Al Butler, former East High, Niagara U., Boston Celtic and New York Knicks marksman; he is a guidance counselor at Monroe Community College, whose athletic director George C. Monagan is chairman of the Hall's selection committee; Doris Fuchs, former Marshall High athlete with gymnastic competition in four Olympics; she now coaches in New Haven, including gymnastics for the blind; Bob Keegan, another former Marshallite, longtime big league pitcher (including a no-hitter) for the Chicago White Sox; Sam Urzetta, former East Rochester and St. Bonaventure basketball star, winner of the National Amateur Golf Championship in 1950; he's head professional at Country Club of Rochester;

Trenton Jackson, probably the most versatile athlete in local high school history, in football, basketball, baseball and track, a Rose Bowl footballer at Illinois, a former NFL player; Jackson is a teacher and coach, and serves on the Baden Street Settlement House board of directors.

The Hall has established a bracket for special awards (pre-1940's) and will honor these six at the first annual dinner-dance: Charlotte Boyle Clune, former Olympic swimmer who set world records; Bill Cox, an Olympic medal winner in track; Leo Lyons, known as the father of pro football; Henry McDonald, three sports at East High, former probaseball and footballer, already a member of the Black Athletes Hall of Fame; and Jack (Nibs) Nieman, former East High and Rochester Centrals, a member of the Jewish Hall.

The P-R Club Dinner and this new Hall of Fame dinner are Nos. 1 and 2 on the area circuit, now that the Hickok Belt has been lost to the Texas Tandy people who in turn lost the belt's national prestige.

The granddaddy of all sports dinners is in the works, and offers a pretty good indicator of the new high cost of athletes.

On a monthly award basis, the sponsor will give out a total of \$200,000, to athletes in seven sports — baseball, football, basketball, hockey, horse racing, tennis and golf. Women will be eligible for the latter two.

The annual grand prizes in each of seven categories will be checks for \$10,000 each.

These will be called the "Seven Crowns of Sports." Quick now, can you guess the sponsor?

Bishop Guest On Radio Show

Call for Renewal, the diocesan call-in radio show on WRCC has returned to the air from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m., Saturday nights. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be the guest on Nov. 23 and the topic will be reconciliation.

Bishop Hogan and series moderator Joe McCafferty, a St. Bernard's seminarian, will answer listeners' calls on that topic.

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