



Photo by Susan McKinney

Potatoes donated by the Bourgoine family of Wayland are unloaded in the Office of Human Development parking lot in Rochester. Steuben County agencies also received more than a ton and half of potatoes.

Praise the Lord And Pass the Spuds

By BONITA BALDWIN

"I been working in the warehouse just to pass the time of day!" After two hours of picking over and bagging potatoes last Friday afternoon, volunteers from Monroe and Steuben counties broke into song. The sorting yielded 7,800 pounds of potatoes to be bagged for distribution to the poor.

The project started when Robert Bourgoine, a wheat and potato farmer with his brother and father, met Father Paul Freemeser in the Army Reserve. Mr. Bourgoine told Father Freemeser about the extra potatoes he was unable to sell and said he could have them if he could move them. Father Freemeser called the Office of Human Development where Judy Wehrin and Sister Grace Miller contacted local agencies to see if they could use and store the potatoes. Sister Mary Kruckow of OHD in Steuben County was notified and contacted Steuben County agencies.

The next step was finding a truck and a driver. Ms. Wehrin admitted, "I had no idea what five tons of potatoes would look like." Joseph Wiseman, a Palmyra farmer, donated a truck, but a properly licensed driver was not found until the day before the excursion. Robert Bloomer, whose wife is a member of the Human Development Committee

at St. Patrick's Parish in Macedon, drove and bagged potatoes with the other Monroe County volunteers. Judy Wehrin, Carol Schwartz, Bill Spong, Marg Hall, Tom Celso, Joe Schwartz.

Of the 4,600 pounds of potatoes brought back to Rochester, 3,250 were given to the Ibero-American Action League, 600 to Action for a Better Community, 500 to Fight Charity House, 200 to the Salvation Army, and 50 to the Hospitality House. Ms. Wehrin said that the agencies will either use the potatoes in their own charity kitchens or distribute them to needy families. Ibero may use theirs in a food cooperative.

In Steuben County, John Murphy, owner of Murphy Trucking Company in Hornell and member of St. Ann's Parish there, donated a truck and two drivers for the afternoon. The drivers, Asa MacDaniels, and Robert Lamphier, loaded the 32 hundred-pound bags onto the truck. GARB, a community agency, and the Wayland Mission Council each received 1,000 pounds. Serenity Farms received 800 pounds and the remaining 400 pounds were given to the Addison Service Center. Steuben County volunteers, under the direction of Sister Mary Kruckow included Rick Lawten, Les Lecceardone, Angelo Sciotti, Michael Woodworth, Don Wickwire, and Tom Mackey.

Lima's Big Day Nears

Lima — Later this month, the focal point for the Diocese of Rochester will be the venerable 104-year-old St. Rose Church, as Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and more than 600 lay, clerical and religious representatives of the church convene here to celebrate the Chrism Mass.

As well as being a special religious function, the event will also be a homecoming for the bishop: he was born and raised in this community.

The Chrism Mass, a rite in which holy oils are prepared for use in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick, will take

place Tuesday, March 25 at 8 p.m.

The building has been remodeled during the past four years. Father James Doyle, pastor, noted that the church is unique in its size for the community it serves. He said that its seating capacity is 600 but that more than 800 worshippers can be accommodated. Father is proud of a new lighting system that has been installed, making it one of the brightest churches in the diocese. The dominant color of the nave is cream, while the sanctuary apse is pale blue emblazoned with crosses of gold leaf.

He pointed out that visitors will notice a great number of

devotional statues which represent the parish's religious heritage.

While disclaiming professional knowledge, Father Doyle also noted that he has been told the church's pipe organ is a superior instrument.

With Father Doyle, also preparing for the Bishop's visit, are Mrs. Patricia Sliker, president of St. Rose's Ladies Guild and Rosary Society, and Donald Vogt and Gabriel Luhowhy, parish trustees.

Mrs. Sliker is chairman of a committee who will prepare and serve a reception following the Mass. Vogt and Luhowhy head a committee who will serve as ushers for the function.

\$34,000 Donated to Fight Hunger

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, commending diocesans for their past financial concern for the hungry of the world, has announced the distribution of \$34,000 in funds raised for the people of British Honduras and Africa.

In making the announcement, the Bishop stressed to all in the diocese the opportunity this Sunday, March 9, to respond to world hunger as charitably as they have in the past by supporting the special collection for Catholic Relief Services.

Bishop Hogan reported that \$100,014 has been raised and distributed for the Bishops Overseas Welfare and Relief Program last year. He also noted that an additional \$20,000 was raised and distributed to help Vietnam War orphans.

"These funds were above and beyond those raised in our campaigns for Human Development, Propagation of the Faith, Holy Father's Appeal and the Joint Appeal of the National Office of Black Catholics and

Black and Indian Missions," Bishop Hogan said.

The Bishop also commended the Sisters of Mercy for releasing Sister Mary Ann Weiland for a six-month tour of services with the Offices of Human Development. Sister Mary Anne's time has been directed, along with Father Daniel P. Torney, toward parish-oriented programs which will be the basis for a total diocesan program on world hunger.

At the same time, the Bishop announced that he has set in motion studies to lay the groundwork for an ongoing diocesan Catholic Disaster Relief Program.

"If we do not prepare by long-range planning, we shall find ourselves continually committed to crisis," he said. "The concerns of Africa, Honduras, and, yes, Appalachia, are the concerns of the Gospel."

"Since the Apostles and Fathers of the Church had no fear in

asking the poor of those days to help those even poorer, I cannot hesitate to ask my Catholic brothers and sisters in bountiful America to help others," he said.

Fr. Gibbons, City Pastor, To Step Down

Father Paul J. Gibbons, pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church since November, 1969, is resigning because of poor health and will take up less arduous work after a brief rest.

He will join the staff of St. Michael's in Penn Yan late next month, the Pastoral Office announced this week. The priests of St. Michael's also serve St. Andrew's in Dundee.

Until his appointment to the downtown Rochester parish, Father Gibbons had been engaged chiefly in introducing future priests to the Latin

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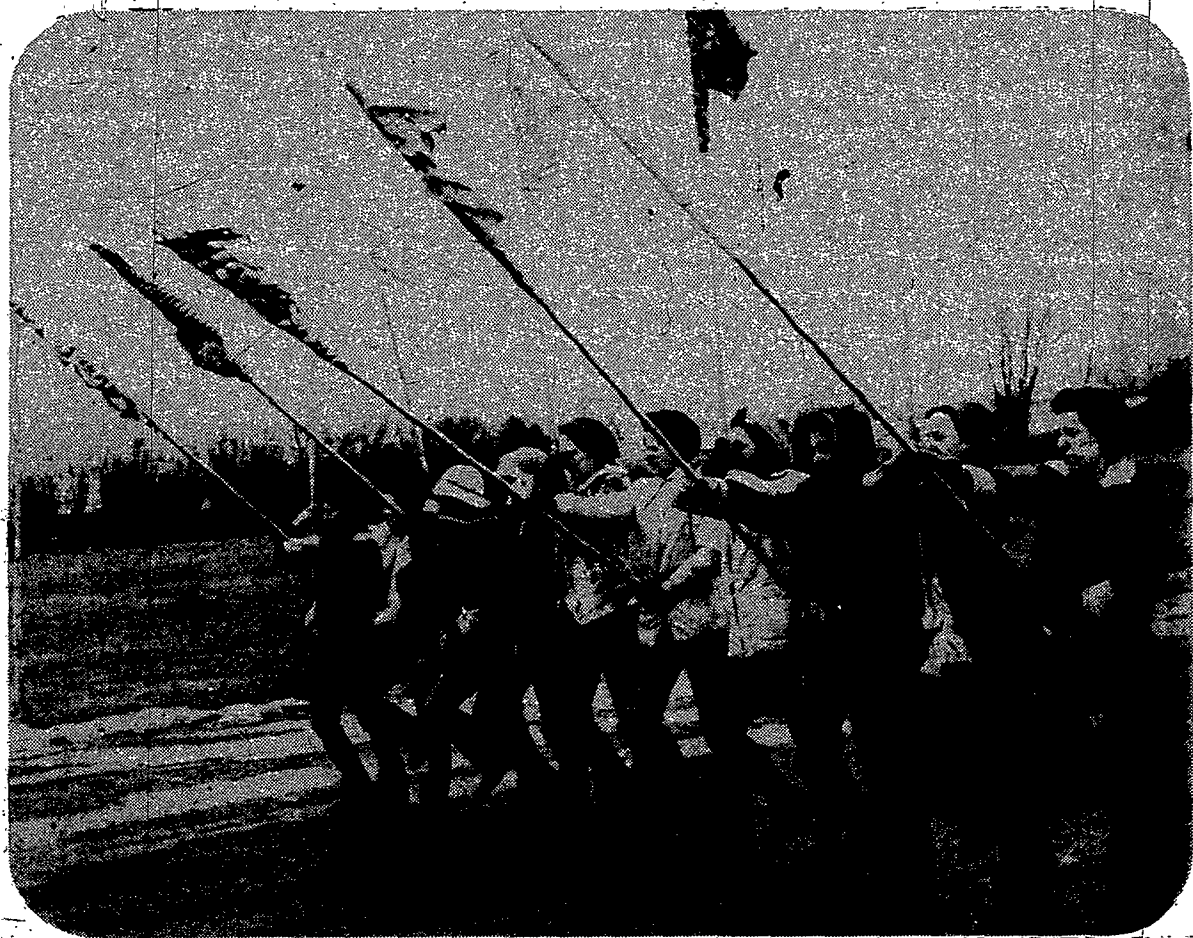


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Moving Out

Members of the Bishop Kearney Marching Kings color guard practice for their upcoming trip to Europe which will be highlighted by a performance for Pope Paul VI. For a photo-story description of their tuneups, turn to Page 15.