

Helen J. Cooper Dies, 27 Years with Courier

Helen J. Cooper, who retired from the Courier-Journal last March after about 27 years on the business staff, died Dec. 12, 1976. Her funeral was held today at St. Anne's Church.

For the older members of the present Courier staff, Helen was a link with the helter-skelter good old days on Scio Street, where she ran the business office her own way, treating everyone with a mixture of good humor and irascibility. She had established herself as a character, an eccentric, and she played the part with gusto. She celebrated the holidays, major and minor, with little gifts for all—shamrock and jack-o-lantern lollipops, for instance, plus some to take home to the kids.

"Helen Cooper will be sadly missed by all who knew her, but no one will miss her more than her co-workers here at the Courier-Journal," General Manager Anthony J. Costello said. "Her ready wit, her concern for her fellow workers, and her ability endeared Helen to all of us."

After her retirement, Helen made occasional visits to the newspaper office, when she was well enough to get about. For much of the time she was very ill. In the past year, she suffered the loss of her two best friends and the sister with whom she lived.

She leaves one sister, Anna Shaw, and many nieces and nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.



The Courier's photography department made this portrait of Helen Cooper three or four years ago.

Action

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Groups of at least three delegates will produce papers on each of the eight Detroit documents: Justice in the Church, Personhood, Family, Neighborhood, World Justice, Humankind, Nationhood, Ethnicity and Race, and Work.

The consultation also will accept study papers from other groups who may wish to submit them. Both delegate and outside reports are due March 15.

The third track, "Grass Roots Consultative Design," concentrates

on the 20 recommendations selected by Bishop Hogan. "Grass Roots," coordinated and developed by Father John Mulligan and Sister Mary Ann Binsack, will submit papers on each topic. Parishes and regions will take an active part in the preparation of these papers.

After "some sort of diocesan wide hearing" the final paper, encompassing the work of all three tracks, will be submitted to the bishop and made public. The report on the actions will be made at the NCCB meeting in Chicago on May 3-5.

Diocesan Planners Meet in Providence

Many dioceses are "heavily into programs in goal setting," using techniques similar to those employed here, according to Father Peter Bayer, director of Pastoral Planning.

About 45 dioceses were represented at the fourth annual convention of the National Pastoral Planning Conference which Father Bayer attended recently in Providence, R.I. This put him in the way of "a comparative analysis in regard to what others are doing."

The "management by objectives" process was described by Maurice St. Pierre, associate director of planning for the Diocese of Providence. He noted that practices borrowed from the business world were being applied in such fields of church concern as liturgy and social justice, as well as finance.

In the keynote address, Bishop Louis E. Gelineau of Providence described the planning process as a means of producing "positive dialogue" between diocese and

parish, parish administration and parishioners, parishes and church service organizations.

Father John Flavin, Director of the Office for Goal-Setting of the Archdiocese of Chicago, said that planners must provide pastors with the skills necessary to minister to people as individuals and as groups. He suggested that NPC could play a strong role in developing a doctorate in ministry dealing with the improvement of planning skills within the Church.

Father Daniel Danielson, President of the National Organization for the Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy, and Clergy Education Director for the Diocese of Oakland, Calif., pointed to the future of the Church in terms of "one priest parishes," especially in suburban areas. He said NPC must address itself to helping clergy develop as spiritual leaders and as "orchestrators" of ministries using the abilities of others within a given parish.



40th Anniversary

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan celebrated Mass at St. Bernard's Seminary on Wednesday, Dec. 8, to honor Father Robert F. McNamara (left) and Father Sebastian Falcone. Father McNamara is celebrating his 40th anniversary in the priesthood, while Father Falcone's 25th anniversary is this year.

Photo by Ben Susso

COURIER-CALENDAR

The Significance of Jesus — Public lecture by Dr. Joseph Torma, 7:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, Guardian Angels, 2061 E. Henrietta Rd.

Penitential Service — At St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17.

Advent Service — "How Far Is It to Bethlehem?" At Holy Apostles Church, 4:40 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, scripture readings with Gregorian chant by the Gregorian Chorale, a new group directed by Father Benedict Ehmman.

Rochester Singletons — Open party at Towne House, 1325 Mt. Hope, 7-10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19. Club information through Box 0934, Southtown, Rochester 14621.

Mother Cabrini Circle — Baked food sale Sunday, Dec. 19, Immaculate Conception school hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Forum on Justice — Simulation exercise entitled A Soul in Prison, 12:15-1:15 p.m. today, 101 S. Plymouth.

Holiday Singfest — Rochester Philharmonic at Dome Arena, with Erich Kunzel, local choral groups, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19; 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Also at Newark Senior High School, 2 p.m. Sunday.

Classic Film Series — At Rochester Museum, 2 and 8 p.m. tomorrow, Dec. 16: Little Women.

Senior Citizen Matinees — Second Chorus, 1941 musical with Fred Astaire, 1:30 p.m. tomorrow, Dec. 16, Eastman House Dryden Theatre; Christmas entertainment and refreshments, Dec. 23, Red Shoes, 1948 ballet film.

Star Theatre — The Star of Christmas, through Jan. 9 at Strasenburgh Planetarium; Laserium concert from time to time. Information and reservations: 244-6060, ext. 56.

Puppet Show — Based on A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens, Dec. 19 at Nazareth Arts Center, Room 14, 2 and 4 p.m.

CHRISTMAS IS DIFFERENT in mission homes



The homes of many mission countries are different from ours. They are often huts, hovels or sheltered corners.

Juan's home, for example, is a shack of cardboard, metal cans and newspapers. Juan's father died at 32 and the boy has fallen victim to the disease and squalor besetting so many families in the deprived countries.

Christmas for Juan is different too, as a missionary visits his hut to minister to his many needs. Juan is among the lucky ones; many others live beyond the reach of a missionary, and Christmas for them is really bleak!

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