

Deaths

E. James Wallace Dies of Heart Attack

E. James Wallace attended the wake Monday night of a friend, Charles L. Goonan, who died unexpectedly of a heart attack Saturday.

On the way home, Mr. Wallace turned to his wife, Josephine, and said, "If you're ready, that's the way to go."

Mr. Wallace died, equally unexpectedly Wednesday morning, of a heart attack. He had just turned 52 Dec. 5.

"And if anyone was ever ready, Jim was," said Mrs. Wallace.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan was principal concelebrant at the Mass of Christian Burial Saturday in St. John the Evangelist in Greece where Mr. Wallace was an usher.

Mr. Wallace converted to the Catholic faith shortly after his marriage to the former Josephine Costello in 1953. He was active in Marriage Encounter.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served in Korea. He later worked for the U.S. Air Force Defense Supply

Tom Pearson

Thomas (Red) Pearson, a former ball player and coach and umpire for youngsters' baseball teams, died Dec. 6, 1979, after a brief illness. He was 64 years old.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 10 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Mr. Pearson, a native of Rochester, was a graduate of Aquinas Institute, where he played varsity baseball. He later played semi-pro ball in the old Western New York League and in the Monroe County Softball League. When his playing days were over, he worked with teams representing the cathedral parish in the CYO League and Tenth Ward 40-and-1 teams in Little League. More recently, he was with the Gates Recreation League. He was a member of the Rochester District Umpires Association from 1958 until 1969.

Employed for 23 years by the Ritter Co. division of Sybron Corp., he served for

R.M. Fennessy

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, Dec. 22, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Greece for Richard M. Fennessy who died Dec. 20, 1979.

Mr. Fennessy was well-known as an amateur astronomer and geologist. For many years he served as

Cardinal Dies

East Berlin (RNS)—Cardinal Alfred Bengsch, for 18 years the Roman Catholic spiritual leader of politically divided Berlin, died here Dec. 13 of a heart attack. He was 58.

The year the Berlin Wall went up, 1961, he was named bishop of Berlin, a diocese with some 500,000 Catholics, half in East Berlin and East



E. James Wallace

Agency. When it moved out of Rochester, he operated the Baskin and Robbins ice cream store in Irondequoit Plaza.

He was a graduate of John Marshall High School and attended the University of Buffalo.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Chester M. Wallace of Rochester; two daughters, Michelle (Shelley) Wallace and Mrs. Daniel (Tracy) Hart; and a sister, Mrs. Glen (Mary) Loafman.

some time as secretary-treasurer of Local 11, International Union of Molders and Allied Workers. He was a 35-year member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and after his retirement from Ritters he managed the Eagles Club on Buffalo Road.

Mr. Pearson leaves his widow, Rita, and four children — George, of Melbourne, Fla.; Jeanne Strassner of Rochester, Eileen Hill of Burke, Va., and Michele Pearson, Rochester. His three sisters, all members of the Rochester Sisters of Mercy, are Sister M. Joachim of Elmira and Sisters M. Eugene and M. Maurice Pearson of Rochester. There are six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Thomas Wheeland with Msgr. Charles Boyle and Fathers John O'Malley, Neil Miller, Jeremiah Moynihan, Robert Hammond and Donald Haycock, CSC.

a court-room attendant in the county court system.

He is survived by three sisters, Sister Mary Matthew, SSJ; Mrs. Julia Blodgett and Mrs. John (Anna) Dash, as well as several nephews and grandnieces and grand nephews.

Germany, the rest in West Berlin. Given the personal title of archbishop in 1962, he maintained his residence in East Berlin to emphasize that his apostolic jurisdiction transcended political borders.

In 1967, he became a cardinal, at the age of 46, the youngest in the Church at the time.

The Open Window

By Father Louis J. Hohman

Whose Church Is It?

Dear Father Hohman,

I realize that there probably isn't any answer to this question but it bothers me enough that at least I want to get it off my chest. Reading the Courier-Journal



I get the impression week after Fr. Hohman week that this new Church that everybody talks about is trying to get to a time when priests will share their responsibility with ordinary people. I think the right name for it is shared responsibility. And I personally like that idea. There aren't many things I would like to get across to the pastor of our parish, but there are some things which are important to me and which I think he should hear. I also like the liturgy the way it is now and would like to see more of the new way. When we visit my brother-in-law we get to see a liturgy which is full of joy and which really and truly brings us closer to God. We pay attention and are not bored.

But when we suggest any of these changes to Father

he says "You won't do that in my parish." There is nothing that annoys me more than when he refers to "my Mass" or "my church," and then when he wants money he refers to "your church." There is something terribly frustrating about that, and like I said, there's not much that can be done, I think, but I just had to get it off my chest.

(Signed) P.G.

Dear P.G.

I sympathize with your plight and share your frustration, but I guess I also sympathize somewhat with the plight of that pastor. Somehow, he has not been able to emerge from the pure, unadulterated authoritarianism that existed in the pre-Vatican II Church. In those days, parishes were designated as "my parish," and the Mass was "my Mass." As it stands now there is no resemblance between that kind of Church and the Church of today. And so that pastor is living in the past and trying to keep the past here and now. That is a sad and frustrating experience for him, too. It should be obvious to him and to everyone concerned that when a priest celebrates Mass it is not his Mass. It is the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Nor is the church his church, no matter how long he has been pastor. It is the Church of Jesus Christ from one point of view and the Church of the People of God, because that's what Church means — the assembly.

Business in Diocese

Composer Warren Benson has been named Kilbourn Professor for 1980-81 at the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester.

Benson, professor of composition, is the fourth faculty member to hold the prestigious professorship since it was established in 1973 to honor outstanding faculty members and to provide them with "the opportunity to develop further their work as performers, composers and scholars."

Syl Novelli, group manager for program and communications for the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, will retire Feb. 1. He joined the chamber as director of public relations and during his tenure the chamber has won five national awards for communications.

Ouzer Book Pictures Musicians

Photographer Louis Ouzer, Gibbs Street neighbor to Kilbourn Hall and the Eastman School of Music, has come out with a book entitled Contemporary Musicians in Photographs. It features 130 visiting performers and teachers, and members of the Eastman artist faculty. The book, from Dover Publications, is available in Rochester book stores, but not elsewhere as yet. The introduction was written by Francis Crociata, onetime staff member at the Courier-Journal, and more recently public relations director at Eastman.

It might help somewhat for you to realize that when your pastor uses these expressions he is really saying they're his responsibility. However, it is a peculiarly bad expression and an intolerable one when he refuses to allow the people of God to become involved in the decisions surrounding that celebration or that faith community. People do not share responsibility merely by concession. They share responsibility by their rights as baptized Christians, who share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ as well as his role of prophet and king.

And of course, the Diocesan Guidelines make it clear that parishes ought to be governed under the terms of shared responsibility through parish councils. I can't tell you where to go from here, but I do hope that you feel just a little bit better.

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