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Boycott Continues In Labor Dispute

By Michael Groden

Migrant farm laborers and the problems they face were discussed here recently by Baldemar Velasquez, leader of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC).

FLOC is currently leading a strike and product boycott of Campbell's Soup Company, "to pressure the company into three-way negotiation with the tomato growers," in the Ohio, Michigan area.

The committee contends that Campbell's completely controls the tomato industry in the Midwest by dictating

price and even the method of bringing in the annual crop to the growers.

FLOC stresses that the boycott action is not aimed at the tomato growers, because they are at the mercy of Campbell's as well. A FLOC letter, written by Velasquez, states that the huge soup company is so powerful "it tells its growers when to plant, when to spray, when to harvest, and in 1979, in one of the clauses in its contract offered to suppliers, when to mechanize."

This control, the organizing committee contends, ef-

fectively prevents farm workers from earning a decent wage. Migrant farm families live in degrading conditions, have no protection from poisonous pesticides and have no health benefits, the committee said.

In order for a migrant family to make ends meet children must work in the fields as well, preventing them from decent schooling.

Campbell's refuses to recognize the union efforts, saying that it would not be proper to negotiate with them.

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Sister Mary Ann Named Director

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has appointed Sister Mary Ann Binsack diocesan director of Religious Education.

The Sister of Mercy is perhaps best known throughout the diocese as the executive secretary for the fledgling Diocesan Pastoral Council, a post she held from 1976 to 1979.

Most of her religious ministry, however, has been in the field of education. She has taught sixth grade and junior high school, and has been religious education coor-

dinator, all at St. John the Evangelist on Humboldt Street.

In 1976 she took over the religious education office at St. Anne's, her current position.

She will assume the Pastoral Center directorate July 1. She is a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School, Catherine McAuley College, Nazareth College and Boston College, from which she took a masters in Education.



SISTER MARY ANN

The new director entered religious life in 1961 and professed her final vows May 17, 1970.

Father Malley Dies, Was Penfield Pastor

Funeral rites were conducted last week for Father John D. Malley, pastor emeritus of St. Joseph's Church in Penfield, who died May 27, 1981.

Father Malley was pastor of St. Joseph's from 1954 to his retirement in 1972. During those years, the parish began a building program which culminated in a new church, a 17-room school, a convent and a rectory.

On his retirement, he told his parishioners that they were responsible for any success he enjoyed as pastor.

Born in 1908, he attended St. Patrick's Cathedral School and Aquinas Institute.

Prior to his entry into theological studies, Father Malley worked six years as a bakery salesman.

He attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries and was ordained June 3,



FATHER MALLEY

1939 by Bishop James E. Kearney. His first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Patrick's. He later served at Corpus Christi and at St. Ann's in Hornell before he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's, Rexville/St. Joachim's, Canisteo, where he stayed three years.

At the same time he was stationed at Corpus Christi,

Father Malley also held the chaplaincy of the Newman Club of the Eastman School of Music and the University of Rochester. In the mid-40s he was also chaplain to the State Federation of Newman Clubs.

Two years ago, on the occasion of his 40th anniversary of ordination, Father Malley returned to St. Joseph's to witness the dedication of two stained glass windows commemorating his contributions to the parish.

Father Malley is survived by his sister, Mrs. Norbert (Ann) Young; his sisters-in-law, Mrs. James (Isabel) Malley, Mrs. Robert (Helen) Malley and Mrs. Pat (Helen) DeVecchio, and several nieces and nephews.

Archbishop Joseph Ryan, vicar general of the Military Ordinariate, presided at the concelebrated Mass of Christ the High Priest, May 29. The following day Bishop Matthew H. Clark presided at the funeral Mass.



Christina Arden-Hopkins talks about scoliosis.

Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

Early Detection Key To Scoliosis Control

By Michael Groden

I had a nice conversation with a young man named Mike recently.

Mike, an out-going, energetic 14-year-old, told me he tried out (unsuccessfully) for the basketball team a while ago. He was cut but he really didn't seem overly disappointed. He has other school activities, so he keeps busy.

There may have been another reason for Mike's not feeling let down. Perhaps he was just proud of himself for going out there and trying. Playing basketball can be tough work if you have to wear a metal and leather brace that extends from the groin to the neck, 23 hours a day.

Last year Mike's parents were told that Mike had scoliosis. Put simply, scoliosis is a lateral (sideways) curvature of the spine. The curvature is usually accompanied with a twisting of the spinal column. Scoliosis, left unchecked, is progressive in most cases and can be life-threatening.

If not treated the curve and subsequent twisting will result in a prominent hump



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protruding from the back. The treatment of scoliosis, however, is effective, and the sooner a person receives treatment the better the results.

Scoliosis is most noticeable during the early teens, when a spurt in a person's growth usually takes place. Treatment consists of wearing a brace (most commonly used is the Milwaukee brace illustrated in this article), or surgery.

The brace is worn until bone structure in the spine is matured and growth stops. It helps keep the spine straight, preventing the curving process.

In cases where scoliosis is not diagnosed soon enough, or if complications occur, surgery is performed. The surgery involves "fusing" sections of vertebrae together by means of a stainless steel rod, and bone grafts. Surgical procedures have advanced rapidly in the past several years and the

outlook for all those with scoliosis is much brighter than before. The key to treating scoliosis, in order to bring about the best results, is to find it early.

In the Rochester area there is an organization dedicated to educating people about scoliosis and helping families with scoliosis patients cope with the situation.

The Scoliosis Association, Rochester Chapter, is made up of scoliosis sufferers and their families. It combines regular informational meetings with social events for its members, and encourages new members to join.

Judy Logash, past president of the Scoliosis Association, said one important service the chapter provides "is simply having a chance to talk with other families who have the same problems."

In addition to providing these services for scoliosis families, the chapter is currently urging area schools to begin a scoliosis screening program.

Christina Arden-Hopkins, a chapter member, said that a screening program would

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