

Brother Rice Hears African Missionary

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Special Writer

During each religion class at Brother Rice High School a collection is taken up for the foreign missions.

This money, donated by BRHS students, is used for the support of the missions of the Christian Brothers of Ireland and for those of various other Catholic orders. The purpose and need for these collections was emphasized for Brother Rice students on Monday, March 4.

During the morning of this day, each of the three Brother Rice classes, junior, sophomore, and freshman, was addressed by the Rev. Father O'Connor.

FATHER O'CONNOR, who despite the name, is from London, England, spoke to the class assemblies on the church's mission program in Africa. And, indeed, Father should know, for he has just arrived in the United States from Northern Rhodesia.

Three weeks ago Father O'Connor was stationed at a mission in this part of middle Africa.

Father O'Connor belongs to the order of White Fathers, founded by Charles Cardinal Lavigerie in Algeria three quarters of a century ago. The order devotes itself entirely to African missionary work.

Father was a colorful picture in the unusual habit of the White Fathers. He fully explained the origin of the habit which strongly resembled the customary white garb of the Arabs. He showed how the African custom of wearing

beads had been transformed into the chain and cross of the White Fathers.

IN HIS strong British accent, Father O'Connor presented a tall, that was interesting for its political and social information as well as for its religious aspects.

While tracing the growth of Catholicism in the area of Northern Rhodesia, Father mentioned that traces of early desert missionaries are to be found among the sacred objects of one of the native tribes. Father's mission is located in an area which today is 8 percent Catholic.

Father O'Connor spoke of the "me tide of African nationalism. He described the methods used by native politicians and the danger which confront Christian missionaries in newly independent Africa.

IMMEDIATELY after Father's talk the sophomore classes at Brother Rice returned to their rooms to take the Iowa Tests of Educational Development. The ITE's were given over a two-day period and tested the various essential skills needed for high school education.

The following morning, Tuesday, Brother Rice's juniors assembled in the cafeteria to take the National Merit Qualifying Examination.

Sponsored by the National Honor Society, the merit exams test a student's progress in five important areas: English composition, mathematics, social studies reading, science reading and word association.

the bullseye. Any single boy is fair prey to all enterprising girls. The dance which was held at Barnum on the night of Friday, March 8, was a topsy-turvy dance.

Sometimes known as a Sadie Hawkins dance, this simply means that the girls ask the boys to escort them, rather than viceversa. Diabolical, eh?

This method has its advantages, of course. The girls must pay for the tickets, and all the other mechanics of the deal, but this really isn't much compensation. But it's really not as bad as all this. Nine out of 10 times a girl you like anyhow will ask you to accompany her. It's that 10th time . . .

BUT HUNGRY females weren't the only problem that plagued the Barnum manhood last week. We were also forced to suffer from aching muscles and stiff joints. We

Marian Choral to Compete In High School Festival

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Marian was honored to have Fr. O'Connor, a missionary priest from Northern Rhodesia, Africa, speak to the religion classes on his work there.

Father related to us his experiences with the natives in handling their political problems, and the work which they must carry on in breaking the old tribal customs which hinder conversions. He told of the work of the lay apostolate in Africa and the progress of Christianity among the natives. Fr. O'Connor's vibrantly interesting informal talk ended in a spontaneous question period.

ON MARCH 30, the Marian Choral will participate in an inter-high school choral festival.

Various high schools will compete and be judged in their performance at the annual festival. This year, Marian will present Mendelssohn's "He, Watching Over Israel," and a number by Davis, "I am Joy."

Last year, Marian received a superior rating on their performance, the highest award made.

The Marian Choral will also take part in a special "music week," held at Marian from April 21 to 28.

Performances will be given

nightly at 8 p.m., by the string orchestra, the first night, the grade school piano students, the next two nights, and the Marian pianists.

The senior class presented a brief, informal program last Thursday, March 7, to Mother Mary Aquin, the principal, in honor of her feast day.

The program consisted of a number of short pantomimes accompanied by a verse choir which consisted of the entire senior class. The skills highlighted some of the amusing phases of the seniors' experiences at Marian.

MARIAN HIGH received recognition in the Gotesian Interpretation Festival held on Saturday, March 2, by the performances of Miss Barbara Arin, who received first place in the religious poetry reading, and Miss Dina Greenway, who made first place in the lyrical poetry category.

Among others who participated in the festival from Marian were Maureen Anderman, Frances Thuermer, Christine Ratke, Susan Consolmagno, Mary Rose Critelli, Kathleen Darga, Mary Slowik and Kathleen Sullivan, a group of juniors who presented a scene from "The Crucible," by Arthur Miller, in the multiple reading category. Congratulations to all who took part in the festival this year.

THE FIRST intramural basketball game was played between the junior and senior classes last Tuesday, March 5. The seniors won, 17 to 9, but the juniors spirit wouldn't be denied. Playoffs will continue among the classes until the winning class is determined.

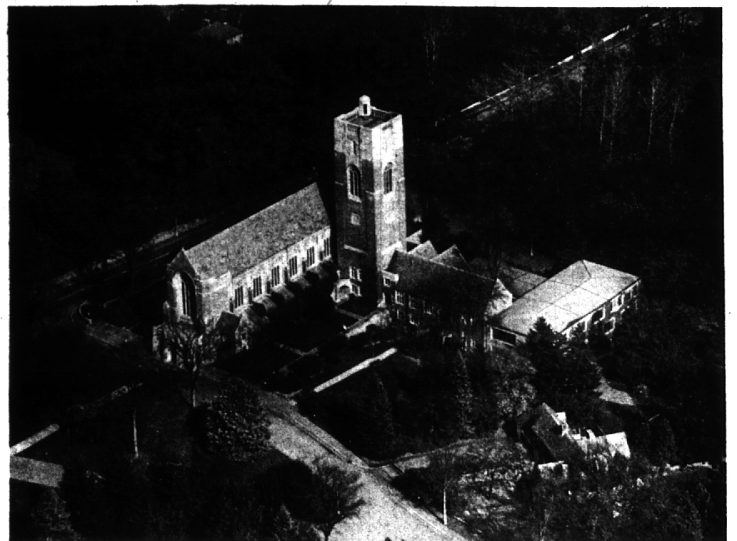
Mayor Proclaims Cancer Month

Mayor Florence H. Willett has proclaimed April as "Cancer Control Month" in Birmingham, calling upon each citizen to lend support to the program.

The proclamation urges citizens to observe the month "through increased support of the American Cancer Society and by learning the facts that are vital to personal protection from this disease."

Congressman John D. Dingell is general chairman of the crusade in southeastern Michigan. He estimates that more than 25,000 volunteers of the division's volunteers, including those from Oakland County, will work in the drive.

The Birmingham Eccentric Classified pages offer you a fine opportunity to sell your unwanted household goods.



Christ Church Built in 1926

Christ Church Cranbrook of Bloomfield Hills was built and endowed by George G. and Ellen Scripps Booth. The gift was announced in November, 1924, by the Rt. Rev. Herman Page, bishop of the Detroit diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Ground was broken for the edifice the following July. The cornerstone was laid by Bishop Page on June 21, 1926. On Christmas Day, 1927, and New Year's

Day, 1928, the congregation held services in the uncompleted main auditorium for the first time, and beginning with Easter services in the spring began using that part of the building regularly. The Rev. Dr. Marquis was rector of the parish at its formation. Sid Coale photographed Christ Church Cranbrook from the air for the special series in The Eccentric.

Welfare League Names Lovellette President

The Michigan Welfare League has named Anson L. Lovellette as its president for 1963, the league announced last week.

Lovellette, who is director of industrial relations of the Bendix Corp. Lakeshore Division in St. Joseph, was also the league's president in 1962.

Voting to pick Lovellette took place at the most recent meeting of the league's board of directors in Battle Creek.

Also chosen were other officers and executive committee members.

NEWLY ELECTED vice president is Ronald O. Warner, plant manager of Chevrolet-Flint Vanu of the Community Services Dept. of

the International UAW CIO-AFL, proved a 1963 operating budget of \$85,762, covering the league's search, planning and educational activities. The Michigan Welfare League is a citizen's planning organization supported by the Michigan United Fund.

Birmingham Man In Cool Exercise

Army PFC Richard R. Cowie, 15th Administration Company in Korea, entered the Army in September 1961, completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and arrived overseas in February 1962. The 19-year-old soldier is a 1961 graduate of Seaholm High School.

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Cheese It, Barnum Men! Here Come the Females

By BILL COLLINS
Special Writer

The behavior of many Barnum boys this last week would be puzzling to an unknowing bystander. Witness the following example: A boy comes down the hall, tiptoeing quietly and pressing against the wall in an effort to remain unobtrusive. He peers sneakily around the corner and then darts for the safety of his classroom door.

Before entering he gazes stealthily in all directions to make sure no one lies in wait for him. If you tapped him unexpectedly on the shoulder he would probably be off like a shot, leaving his piercing wall ringing in your ears.

THE REASON for this strange behavior on behalf of the Barnum male is simple. For once he is on

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