

Register of Old Buildings
Macon County Historical Coordinating Council

Address: 2601 N. Union Blvd. - Northpark residential facility.
Legal description: Cremeen's Manor Addition
Lot 1 10.62 acres

Date of original construction: Cornerstone laying - June 9, 1908
Dedication - June 9, 1910

Name of original owner: Illinois Grand Lodge,
Knights of Pythias.

History:

1. See attached microfilms of the special section of the Decatur Review, Thursday evening, June 9, 1910, the day of the dedication of the Illinois Aged Pythians and Orphans Home. (Note: In 1916 another Pythian Home was built four miles north of Decatur, just east of the Bloomington Road, Route #51. This newer home then housed the aged Pythians, leaving this structure at 2601 N. Union Blvd. for orphans, only.)
Collegiate Gothic architecture
Architects - Deal and Ginzler, Lincoln, Illinois.
Contractors - Graff and Derr, La Crosse, Wisconsin.
Building cost furnished - \$160,000.
Total investment in Decatur - 205,000.
2. Closed as a Pythian Orphans' Home - February 1, 1938.
3. Sold to realtor, Harry W. Moss - February 27, 1945. \$43,000 for two homes.
4. Sold to be used as St. Joseph's Hall, a Jesuit retreat - May 19, 1946.
5. Sold by St. Joseph's Hall to Archie Cremeens, October 12, 1968, \$400,000.
6. See write-ups of interviews with former residents of the Pythian Childrens Home and a report of a visit to the "home". August 24, 1975.
7. Data from the Macon County assessor's office follows:
Walls - brick or stone on masonry.
Roof - slate or tile.
Concrete and tile floors.
Steel joists.
7 bathrooms, 9 toilet rooms
Central air for dining room and chapel
1st floor - 44 rooms, 2nd floor - 27 rooms, 3rd floor - 19 rooms.
(See diagrams on next page)

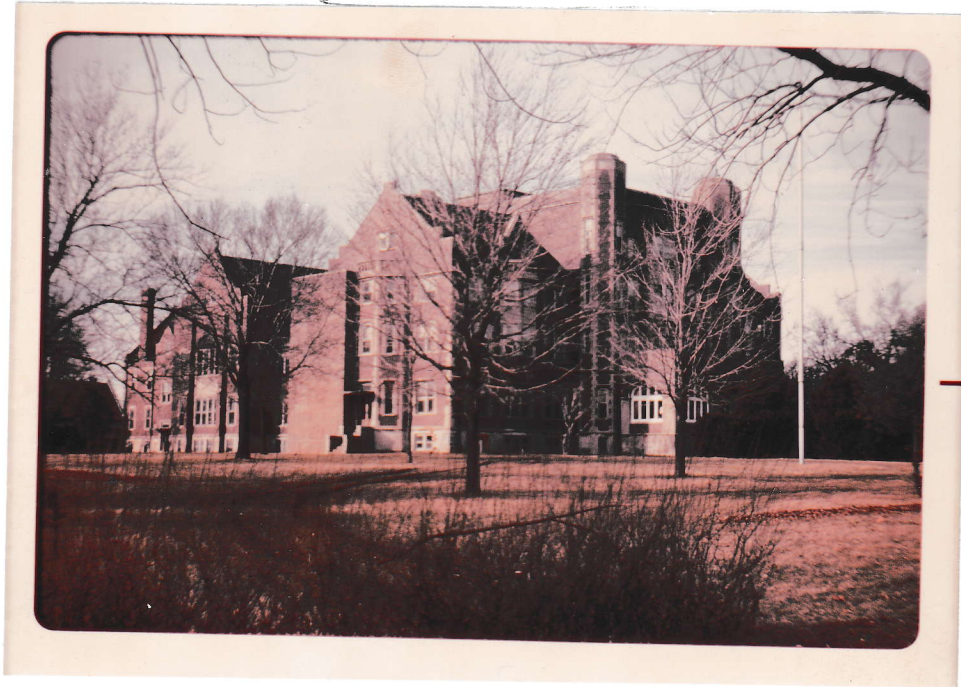
Present owner's name: Contemporary Properties, Inc.
(Nick Striglos and others)

Data from Brad Cantrell, Architectural Consultant, on the Pythian Home's architecture follows: (January, 1976)

"Constructed in 1911 and designed by Dial and Gingel of Lincoln, Illinois, it incorporates Collegiate Gothic style architecture which was popular in institutional buildings in the early part of the 1910's. Though it has been somewhat altered with the enclosing of the portico and removal of the battlement encircling the towers, roof line and entrance Gothic appearance still remains. Details include the walls ornamented with scrapwork, quoins, octagonal towers, steeply peaked dormers which are incorporated in the facade, label molding around windows, and end gables which steeply rise above the roof. The plan of the original building is a cross which is traditional for the style.

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2601 North Union



Photos - Margaret M. Meyer, 1974



The Illinois Pythian and Orphans' Home

BIG FACTS IN FEW WORDS.

First committee named in 1904.

First earth turned October 22, 1907.

Dedication June 9, 1910.

Total investment in Decatur \$205,000

Architects, Deal & Girzel, Lincoln.

Materials, vitrified brick with Bedford limestone trimmings, slate roof, steel frame.

Greatest length 275 feet.

Greatest width 147 feet.

Location, north edge of Decatur, (Edward Street cars.)

Home for aged Pythians and orphans of Pythians.

Capacity for 150.

Built by Illinois Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

Trustees, Grand Chancellor Albert Watson, Mt. Vernon; John J. Pease, Jacksonville,

Man; E. R. Wright, Taylorville, secretary-treasurer; J. W. Carter, Decatur; S. L.

Fossen, Beardstown; Nicholas M. Green, Chicago.

Superintendent, Rev. Thornton Clark.

Matron, Mrs. Thornton Clark.

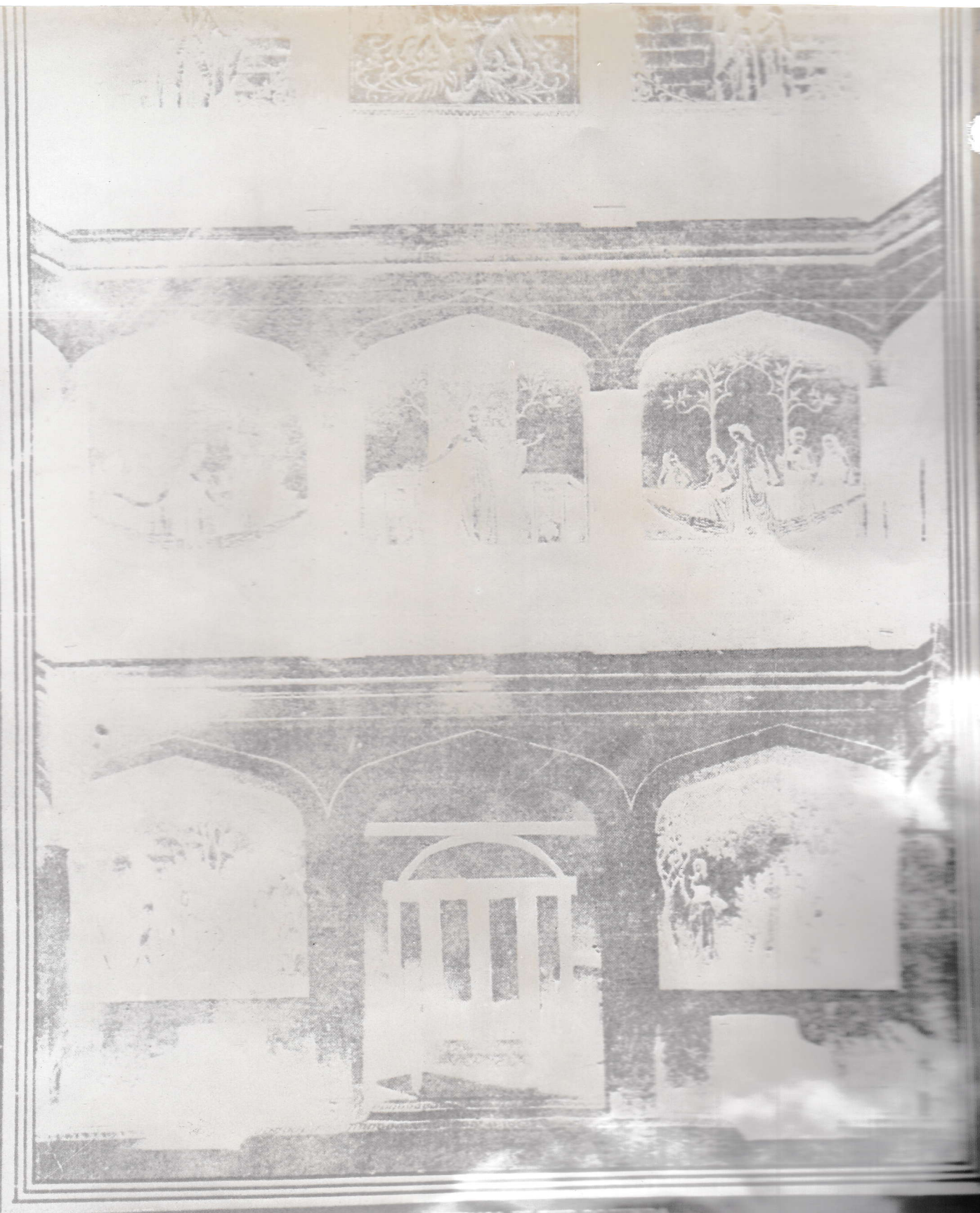
Located in Decatur 1906

Corner stone laid June 9, 1908.

Buildings cost furnished, \$160,000.

Architectural Style, adaptation of gothic.

Contractors, Groff & Derr, Lacrosse, Wis.



MURAL PAINTINGS IN THE ROTUNDA

This picture, taken from the corridor on the first floor, gives an excellent idea of the elaborate decoration of the rotunda by George H. Schaubacher, a frescoer and decorator, and also a Pythian, of Springfield. These paintings are on the east wall of the rotunda and about and over the entrance. To the north of the door is a panel representing children playing in the spring; to the south is a panel representing the aged in the autumn.

These paintings denote the scope protect both those too young and too those too old to look after themselves. In each of the panels is a scene from a household, showing the father busy and watching the children, the mother busy with the care of the house.

IN SECOND STORY.

The second story decorations consist of a series of three panels, all making a single picture. The first panel shows the women in the middle panel intended to denote wisdom as shown by the old woman in the middle panel instructing the youth about her in art, literature and music.

THIRD STORY.

The third story decorations also

are intended to denote wisdom as shown by the old woman in the middle panel instructing the youth about her in art, literature and music.

The first story of the rotunda is a series of panels, each containing a scene from a household, showing the father busy and watching the children, the mother busy with the care of the house.

The second story decorations consist of a series of three panels, all making a single picture. The first panel shows the women in the middle panel intended to denote wisdom as shown by the old woman in the middle panel instructing the youth about her in art, literature and music.

DAMASK

capital of an Arab kingdom. When Syria became a French mandate of the League of Nations in 1920, French troops occupied Damascus. The Syrians clashed violently with the French for many years. In 1925 and 1926, French forces shelled the city. At the end of World War II, Damascus became the capital of the Republic of Syria. Damascus became the provincial capital of Syria in 1958, when Syria became a province of the United Arab Republic. In 1961, Syria withdrew from the United Arab Republic in a bloodless rebellion. Damascus became the capital of the Republic of Syria once again.

CHRISTINA PHELPS HARRIS

See also SYRIA (pictures).

DAMASK is a firm, lustrous fabric that may be woven from any fiber. Its flat, woven design appears on both sides of the fabric.

In table damask, the design may be sateen weave with floats (longer, raised threads) in the filling (crosswise) threads. The background may be a satin weave with floats in the warp (lengthwise) threads. Single table damask has a four-float construction, and double damask has a seven-float construction. The double damask has more yarn, and the floats may pass over 18 to 20 yarns in an elaborate design. Damask's luster depends on length of floats, length of fibers used, closeness of weave, and uniformity of yarns.

HAZEL B. STRAHAN

DAMASUS is the name of two popes of the Roman Catholic Church.

Saint Damasus I served as pope from 366 to 384. He became famous for building churches and repairing the catacombs in Rome (see CATACOMBS). He also ornamented the tombs of martyrs. Damasus was deeply interested in the Bible and decided which books should make it up. He and Saint Jerome corrected the Latin translations, and the result was the Latin Vulgate, the standard version of the Bible in the Roman Catholic Church. Damasus was born in Rome.

Damasus II, a Bavarian, was elected pope on July 17, 1048. He had held office for less than a month when he died.

GUSTAVE WEIGEL and FULTON J. SHEEN

DAME SCHOOL. See COLONIAL LIFE IN AMERICA (Education; picture, At Dame Schools).

DAMIEN DE VEUSTER, *DAH MYAN duh vus TAR, JOSEPH* (1840-1888), was a Roman Catholic priest who gave his life to the care of lepers in a colony at Molokai, Hawaii. Father Damien was born in Belgium and became a member of the Fathers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He was sent to Molokai as resident priest (see HAWAII [The Islands]). But because of the difficulty in getting doctors, Father Damien was obliged to serve as a doctor as well. He was stricken with leprosy himself in 1885.

FULTON J. SHEEN

DAMOCLES, *DAM oh kleez*, was a courtier of the Greek tyrant Dionysius of Syracuse. Damocles talked so much about the happiness of Dionysius that the tyrant decided to teach him a lesson. He invited Damocles to sit at his own place at a banquet. Damocles was horrified to find a sword suspended by a single hair above his head. Dionysius thus showed the uncertainty of his life, even when he seemed to be secure. "The sword of Damocles" came to be used for a dreaded tragedy that may happen at any moment. The Roman orator, Cicero, told this story.

C. BRADFORD WELLES

DAMON AND PYTHIAS, *DAY mun, PITH uh an*, were two noble Greek youths of Syracuse. Their friendship and loyalty to each other made them famous. According to a popular legend, Pythias, or Phintias, had been condemned to death by Dionysius of Syracuse. He was allowed to leave the city to put his affairs in order when Damon promised to die in place of Pythias if Pythias failed to keep his promise. Pythias was delayed, and arrived just in time to save Damon from death. Dionysius so admired this display of friendship that he pardoned Pythias and asked the two to become his friends.

C. BRADFORD WELLES

DAMP is a name for poisonous gases found in mines. They are often found in coal mines, where they are a hazard to miners. The most common one, *fire damp*, is chiefly methane, a tasteless, odorless gas. It forms when decaying plant matter produces coal, and gets trapped in coal seams. When miners cut into these seams, the gas is released. It burns readily and can explode when mixed with air. When fire damp explodes, it leaves a deadly gas called *afterdamp*, which contains carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and nitrogen.

Chokedamp and *blackdamp* are common names for carbon dioxide, CO₂, a gas that is denser than air. It gathers at the bottom of pits and valleys in mines, where it shuts off the oxygen supply.

Miners once carried canaries into the mines to test for gases. If the birds collapsed, it meant that gas was present. Today, various mechanical, chemical, and electrical devices are used to test for the presence of these gases.

LEWIS F. HATCH

See also COAL (Mine Safety Measures); DAVY, SIR HUMPHRY; METHANE; MINING; SAFETY LAMP.

DAMPING OFF is a plant disease caused by fungi that live near the surface of the soil (see FUNGI). It affects all kinds of plants. Damping off may rot seeds before they begin to sprout, kill seedlings (young plants) before they grow above the ground, or destroy the stems of seedlings just above the surface of the soil. Damping off cannot be cured. But farmers can prevent it by planting seeds in soil free from fungi, or by treating seeds with a protective dust.

WILLIAM F. HANNA

DAMROSCH, *DAM rahsh*, was the family name of a father and son who spent their lives educating Americans to serious music. They came from a family of German musicians, but carried on their musical careers in the United States.

Leopold Damrosch (1832-1885), violinist and conductor, founded the New York Symphony Society in 1878, and conducted its orchestra until his death. Damrosch was born in Posen, Prussia. After receiving his degree in medicine from the University of Berlin in 1854, he turned to a career in music. He joined the Weimar court orchestra as violinist under Franz Liszt. Damrosch came to the United States in 1871 to become conductor of the German Male Choral Society. He introduced German opera at the Metropolitan Opera House.

Walter Johannes Damrosch (1862-1950), son of Leopold, conducted the New York Symphony Orchestra in 1925 in the first symphonic program ever broadcast on radio. From 1928 to 1947, Damrosch served as musical counsel for the National Broadcasting Company. Children throughout the nation learned about great music by listening to the Music Appreciation Hour he directed. The music of such composers as Wagner,



Walter J.

Stravinsky. (Continued on page 17)

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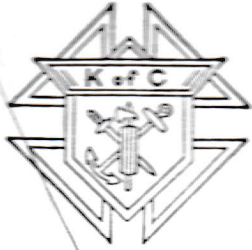
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus emblem has an anchor, a sword, and the Roman fasces.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

is a fraternal benefit society of Roman Catholic men. The Reverend Michael J. McFadden established the society in 1882 in New Haven, Conn. The society now has 1,200,000 members, and more than 5,200 councils (local branches) throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Panama Canal Zone, and the Philippines. Roman Catholic

men 18 years of age and older are eligible for membership. There are two classes of members, insurance members and associate members. Insurance members carry the insurance offered by the society. The society also maintains the Columbian Squires for Roman Catholic boys 13 to 18 years old.

The Knights of Columbus gives financial aid to members and their families, and promotes many charitable, religious, educational, social welfare, war relief, and public relief programs. In 1948, the society began a Catholic Advertising Program to make known facts about the Roman Catholic faith and to dispel misunderstandings about it. The program consists of paid advertisements that deal with Roman Catholic beliefs and practices, and pamphlets that offer more detail on the subject matter of the ads. The society also sponsored the movement that brought about the addition of the words "under God" in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Among the educational contributions made by the society was the founding of the Knights of Columbus Vatican Film Library at St. Louis University. The library contains microfilms of more than 12,000,000 pages from manuscripts and books in the Vatican Library (see VATICAN LIBRARY). The microfilms are available to all scholars. The society has also established a \$500,000 endowment fund for graduate fellowships at the Catholic University of America.

The society's chief governing body is the Supreme Council. It consists of officers of state councils and delegates elected by local councils. International headquarters are at Columbus Plaza, New Haven, Conn. 06507.

Critically reviewed by the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KNIGHTS OF LABOR was the name of a national labor organization established in 1869 at Philadelphia, Pa. A disbanded union of garment cutters founded the organization to protect the working classes.

At first, everything about the society was kept secret, except its symbol, a line of five stars. This secrecy was enforced because many other such unions had failed, and because many employers were opposed to organized labor. Membership in the union was open to anyone over 16, with the exception of lawyers, bankers, liquor dealers, and gamblers. Membership grew to about 700,000, but disagreements within the union caused its decline after 1893.

See also LABOR (History).

MAURICE P. HUNT

KNIGHTS OF MALTA. See KNIGHTS OF SAINT JOHN.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, PITH

is a fraternal society to which men of any religion may belong. It has about 250,000 members in the United States and Canada. Lodges are located in cities and towns in all areas. The organization carries on charitable work and places great emphasis on high moral standards. It has 14 homes for aged members, their wives, and their children.

The chief governing body of the Knights of Pythias is the Supreme Lodge. Below it are the district lodges and subordinate or local lodges. The organization has its own secret initiation and rites, in which the Bible and the national flag play important parts. There are three auxiliaries: the Pythian Sisters, the Order of Knights of Khorassan, and the Junior Order of Princes of Syracuse.

Justus Henry Rathbone (1839-1889) founded the Society of the Knights of Pythias in 1864 in Washington, D.C. Its headquarters are at 1202 Third Street, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

MELVIN M. HARRIS

See also FRATERNAL SOCIETY.

KNIGHTS OF SAINT JOHN, also called the Knights of Hospitallers and the Knights of Malta, is a religious order of the Roman Catholic Church. A man named Gerard founded the order in the late 1000's in a monastery at Jerusalem.

The monastery was dedicated to Saint John the Baptist, and the monks called themselves Brothers of Saint John, or Hospitallers. At first their work was limited to caring for pilgrims and for the sick. Later, the order fought in the Crusades and its members became powerful rivals of the Knights Templars. When the order of the Templars was abolished in 1312, the Hospitallers took over most of the property of the order. The Knights of Saint John were rich and powerful.

When the Holy Land fell to the Saracens, the Hospitallers moved their headquarters from Jerusalem to the island of Cyprus, and then to the island of Rhodes. The Ottoman Turks conquered Rhodes in the 1500's, and the order moved again, this time to Malta. Here they stayed until 1798, when the island surrendered to French forces led by Napoleon Bonaparte. Soon afterward the British gained possession of Malta. The Knights of Saint John continued to exist as a religious order, but its worldly power was ended.

The Knights of Saint John carried a specially shaped cross when they went into battle during the Crusades. It had eight points and is now known as the Maltese cross. See CROSS (picture).

BRYCE LYON

See also RELIGIOUS ORDERS; KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

KNIGHTS OF THE BATH belong to one of the oldest orders of knighthood in England. Founded by King George I in 1725, it was originally composed of the king, a grand master, and 36 knights companions. Its name comes from the traditional ceremonial bath, symbol of purity. The order is the next highest honor after the Order of the Garter (see GARTER, ORDER OF THE).

The British ruler confers this form of knighthood on military men, scholars, scientists, artists, and distinguished citizens. The order includes three classes: Knights Grand Cross of the Bath (G.C.B.), Knights Commanders (K.C.B.), and Companions (C.B.). Members of the first two classes may use "Sir" before their names.

MARION F. LANSING

See also KNIGHTHOOD, ORDERS OF (pictures).

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benefit life insurance organization. To strengthen American Jewish national and work for liberal causes and against racial and religious perates network of Hebrew and Yiddish schools in the United States; supports Jewish Teachers Seminary and other institutions learning. Sponsors summer camps, lectures, concerts, regional and seminars, and other activities pertaining to Jewish art and culture. Cultural: Public Affairs. Publications: Farband News. Formerly: Jewish Workers Alliance; Farband Labor Zionist Order. Convention/ Meeting: al - next 1975.

RUSSIAN JEWS (Jewish)
12th St., Apt. 78
NY 10025
Sophie Volpe, Asst. Sec.
942. Members: 100. Staff: 1. Jews of Russian origin residing in the meet for lectures and social purposes. Publishes books on the history of Jews. Publications: (in English) Russian Jewry (1860-1917); Russian (17-1967).

ORDER TRUE SISTERS (Jewish) (OTS)
85th St.
NY 10024
Mrs. William T. Donahue, Natl. Pres.
846. Members: 13,000. Staff: 1. Local Groups: 48. Women's fraternal on. Oldest women's fraternal and philanthropic organization in the ates. In conjunction with its national philanthropy, cancer service, hospital grants for radio isotope treatments and leukemia blood banks; s to the Neoplastic Clinic at Stuyvesant Polyclinic, New York City; surgical and sickroom supplies, and specialized equipment for es. Publications: Echo, quarterly. Convention/ Meeting: biennial - next

FEDERATION OF BERGEN-BELSEN ASSOCIATIONS (Jewish)
333
NY 10021
Phone: (212) 752-0600
Josef Rosensaft, Pres.
965. Members: 7. Local Associations (7) of survivors of the Bergen- concentration camp in World War II; groups are located in Chicago, IL; Toronto and Montreal, Canada; Israel; South and South Africa. Conducts fraternal and philanthropic activities, mutual aid, free loan fund, scholarships, care of monuments, and programs throughout the world. Gives annual Remembrance Award reation in literature, art, music, and research dealing with the Nazi es grants to colleges and universities for research studies into the the Holocaust. Has produced numerous materials on the Holocaust in nguages. Is sponsoring annual memorial meetings throughout the erpetuate the memory of the Holocaust and its victims. Sponsored the al Conference of Scholars in Sept., 1974 at the University of London, nder the academic auspices of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry of w University.

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OF KING ARTHUR
1893. Members: 600*. Local (Medford, MA) church fraternal order.

ED HEALTH FOUNDATION (Knights Of Pythias) (AHF)
Ave.
NY 10010
Phone: (212) 243-8034
Leonard M. Eisenberg, Pres.
1937. Members: 73,000. Staff: 4. Members of the Order Knights of To extend the life-saving services to our members through incentive Contributes to hospitals and institutions that carry on research.

IC ORDER KNIGHTS OF KHORASSAN (Knights Of Pythias) (DOKK)
th St., Suite 3
es. WA 50309
James R. Eckert, Imperial Sec.
1955. Members: 15,000. Staff: 2. Local Groups: 129. Fraternal order af- Knights of Pythias. Sponsors program of aid to spastic children. antitarian Activities. Publications: Dokey-Nomad Herald, affiliated with: Nomads of Avrudaka (Women's Auxiliary). Convention/ Meeting: - 1975 Aug. 10-13. Milwaukee, WI.

★9705★
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS (KP)
Pythian Bldg., Room 201
47 N. Grant
Stockton, CA 95202
Phone: (209) 462-2996
Julie O. Pritchard, Supreme Sec.
Founded: 1864. Members: 200,000. Staff: 6. State Groups: 55. Local Groups: 2000. Fraternal order. Sponsors annual international public speaking contest. Committees: Cystic Fibrosis; Highway Courtesy and Safety. Publications: Pythian International, quarterly. Affiliated with: Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan; Pythian Sisters; Junior Order for Young Men (15-17 years of age). Convention/ Meeting: biennial.

★9706★
SUPREME TEMPLE ORDER PYTHIAN SISTERS (Knights Of Pythias)
C/O Sara M. Schramm
18 Union St.
Lonaconing, MD 21539
Phone: (301) 463-2213
Sara M. Schramm, Exec. Off.
Founded: 1888. Members: 60,000. Staff: 4. State Groups: 46. Local Groups: 1762. Women's auxilairy of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias. Convention/ Meeting: biennial - next 1976.

★9707★
KNIGHTS OF VARTAN (KV) *
C/O Reverend Youhanna Mugar
84 Hillside Rd.
Watertown, MA 02172
Rev. Dr. Youhanna Mugar, Grand Sec.
Convention/ Meeting: annual.

★9708★
KOREA SOCIETY
Founded: 1958. To promote and strengthen cultural, educational and economic ties between U.S. and Republic of Korea. Presently inactive. Address unknown since 8th edition.

★9709★
KOREAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
1368 West Jefferson Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90007
Phone: (213) 735-0424
P.K. Lee, Gen. Mgr.
Operates Korean language school for children and young adults. Publications: New Korea (in Korean), weekly. Convention/ Meeting: annual - always last week in Dec., Los Angeles, CA.

KOREAN
Also See Index

★9710★
AMERICAN LATVIAN ASSOCIATION IN THE UNITED STATES (ALA)
400 Hurley Ave.
Rockville, MD 20805
Anita Terauds, Sec Gen.
Founded: 1951. Members: 10,000. Staff: 3. Local Groups: 200. Persons of Latvian ancestry or birth. Works to unite Americans of Latvian descent, to strengthen their ethnic heritage, and to acquaint the general American public with Latvia by making available tapes, records, books, and movies about Latvia. Divisions: Cultural Affairs; Education; Information; Publisher; Relief and Assistance; Sports. Publications: Zurnals, 3/year; also publishes textbooks for Latvian weekend schools for a curriculum designed to teach Latvian language, literature, geography, history, and folklore. Affiliated with: Latvian Free World Federation. Convention/ Meeting: annual.

LATVIA
Also See Index

★9711★
LEGIONARIOS DEL TRABAJO IN AMERICA
2154 South San Joaquin St.
Stockton, CA 95206
Phone: (209) 463-6516
Antonio T. Santos, Grand Master
Fraternal organization. Publications: Bulletin, monthly. Convention/ Meeting: triennial.

★9712★
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA (KofL) *
C/O Susan Boroskas
34 Arthur St.
Brockton, MA 02402
Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Pres.
Founded: 1913. Members: 1700. Local Groups: 44. Fraternal society of Catholic men and women of Lithuanian descent. Publications: Vytis (The Knight, bilingual), monthly. Convention/ Meeting: annual.

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Margaret Dick, Editor*

GO CRACK

... for when he returned to Ma-
... he was whiter than once more and
... looked younger than ever.

FRIENDS PROVED THAT HE DIDN'T

Orphie Giberson Had Good Alibi in Assault Case.

By proving an alibi, Orphie Giberson, the street car conductor who was on trial in Judge McCoy's court yesterday for assaulting Stella Brownlee, was acquitted of the charge and the case dismissed. Giberson was defended by James Henson while Lee Boland prosecuted for the state.

The witnesses who turned the whole case were friends of Giberson who were with him and his wife the night that Giberson was accused of the offense.

THEIR EVIDENCE.

These witnesses were Thomas Barnett, a former street car employe, and Frank Lyons, now working on the city lines. Both men testified that on the night in question they had met Giberson and wife at the Nickelodeon at near 8 o'clock and that they remained with them during the show and when they left the place it was nearly 9 o'clock. They walked together south on Water street and to the transfer house where they stood until 9:30, when they all went to Sam's confectionery where they had a soda. They did not leave this place until 10 o'clock.

Although they were cross-examined by the prosecution, their testimony could not be shaken, and Giberson was allowed to go free.

IT WAS SOME ONE.

This ending of the case proves that the Brownlee girl was assaulted by another man. She was assaulted all right on the night that the charge was first made out because she went to the police station at once with a bruised head. The girl said after the trial that she had no idea who else would attempt to assault her on the street and for no purpose that she could think of.

As she appeared in court she was not at all bad looking and spectators were surprised that she should be the victim of such circumstances.

FROM SIXTY MILES TO PYTHIAN PICNIC

First Great Gathering of the Kind on Home Grounds.

All Decatur Pythians and Knights of Pythias for a radius of sixty miles of Decatur are anxiously planning for the big Pythian picnic to be given by the three local lodges at the Pythian Home north of the city on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6. The picnic arrangements are in charge of John P. Utt, No. 189, William E. Jones, No. 593, and B. R. Neustadt of No. 17, and if their plans carry it will be one of the biggest affairs ever held by local Pythians.

MANY CONVENIENCES

Local members of the order have recently come to realize that their home grounds north of the city make an ideal picnic grounds. On the grounds is a natural grove. There is ample room for all who care to drive in. Quick transportation will be furnished to the grounds by the Illinois Traction system and reduced rates by all railroads leading into Decatur will be arranged for. The new home building will be open for inspection that all may have an adequate idea of the magnificent building. The building is rapidly nearing completion.

TO BE ALL DAY.

This will be an all day picnic. The plan is to make this a basket picnic primarily but ample refreshments will be provided for all who do not care to carry baskets.

Athletic sports are planned and music and dancing will be included in the day's program. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon there will be a parade around the grounds composed of delegations from every lodge in attendance and prizes will be awarded for the most complete representation among the competing lodges, Decatur lodges excepted.

Lodges in cities close to Decatur have appointed committees of notification to inform their members and to work up big delegations from each town.

How It Happened.

Chicago News—"Why did you leave your last place?" asked the boss. "I got six months off for good behavior," answered the job seeker.

BANK COMMITTEE TO VISIT DECATUR

Have Charge of All Money Spent On O. E. S. Home.

Members of the bank committee of the Order of the Eastern Star of Illinois will be in Decatur Thursday night and will be entertained at the regular meeting of the local chapter, 111, at its hall. A program is to be arranged for the occasion, consisting of music and addresses by the visiting members. Refreshments will be served. The meeting is to begin at 8 o'clock.

The bank committee is the one that has charge of all the money that is received and expended for the Eastern Star home at Macon. The committee expects to visit the home at Macon and the time was so arranged that the committee could visit the chapter at Decatur at the same time. This will be the first visit of the committee to the home. Though they have charge of all the money, it is not their custom to visit the home every year, and this visit will be an event something out of the ordinary, as the entire committee will be present. The home is visited every year by the grand officers.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.

The members of the committee to be entertained here are: Frank Barnes, president; Rose Taylor, secretary; Lillie Feimlee, treasurer; Emma Miller, Juliet Laue, Mary Campbell, Alice Ammen, Clara Patrick, Jane Wood, Nanie Logan. They are all from Chicago. The visit to the home at Macon will be made on Friday.

BUSY MAN OF THE I. T. S. SYSTEM

Traffic Manager Hurin Has Some Unofficial Duties.

District Traffic Manager C. C. Hurin of the I. T. S. is one of the busiest men on the system these days. Besides looking after the rush of traffic to the Wilson park chautauqua and keeping a general oversight of the business of his district he is one of the chief illuminating points of a party of campers at the park and is conducting a few private classes in the gentle art of swimming.

THIS THE WEATHER OF CALIFORNIA

San. E. R. Randall
... that is
... California
... "Not
... the shade. It
... hard for you to believe
... have to believe it. I
... on the shady side of the
... and on the sunny
... the lightest of summer
... with all of the Missouri
... give me good old Illinois
... the delightful climate
... with its wonderful fruit
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YOUNG MEN

The United States Government
... Railway Mail Clerks
... to Start and Increase
... Uncle Sam will hold
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... in Decatur in November
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For the ...
BEST OF LIVER
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V. HOME TALENT: THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

WHEN, EARLY IN 1936, the President of the United States had bestowed upon him "the accolade of Pythian Knighthood," America became aware again of one of its largest fraternal bodies. Two weeks before, the nation's chief executive had humbly signed an application for membership. To initiate him, 36 members of the Columbus Lodge of New York made a pilgrimage to Washington, headed by the Grand Keeper of the Records and Seal. In the late afternoon of a busy day the diplomatic reception room of the White House was closed off from vulgar eyes and there Mr. Roosevelt took the three basic degrees of the Knights of Pythias.

There was a time when the Knights were harder to avoid than to see. They belong among the mastodon lodges of the nineteenth century. Twenty-two Pythian Homes have been built for its aged members, widows, and children. Over \$100,000,000 has been expended to date for relief purposes and for the care of dependents. Of late, however, membership has dwindled pitifully; whereas in better days there were 729,000 Knights in 6,500 Castle Halls, the ranks have been reduced to 344,401. Over 2,000 subordinate lodges have become defunct during the past few years, and in one two-year period of the depression 125,000 Knights fell by the wayside. All this has entailed grave financial difficulties and the once mighty order, in spite of respectable assets, has been forced to seek federal aid in re-financing mortgages on its properties.

While the period of disastrous losses seems to have passed, the Knights only rarely steal into the public eye as

they did of yore. Not long ago they conceived the ambitious plan of erecting Pythian Student Castles on the campuses of all large universities. These were to be in effect fraternity houses where the offspring of Pythians could live free. There was talk of erecting houses at a cost of \$125,000 each and of setting aside another \$200,000 for upkeep. Nothing, however, came of the move, and Pythian splendor today is largely a reflection of the time when picturesque stalwarts swung along the streets in martial glory.

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Unlike the Masons and Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias are indigenous. The order was born in Washington, D. C., at the height of the War Between the States. The claim is made that it was "of Divine Conception, for it sprang into existence the moment it was needed." Tradition has it that the seven young men who set up the brotherhood in the midst of national fratricide were dragged before Lincoln as traitors, charged with entertaining a seditious scheme for a rapprochement between North and South. This pious interlarding of the account, however, is to be discounted, for there is no direct evidence that the young men intended at the outset to save the nation's wounds or to do anything but start a lodge.

Justus H. Rathbone, who wrote the ritual, was a government clerk and the six companions who joined him were likewise clerks. All but one were accomplished members of the Arion Glee Club, which formed the nucleus of the first lodge. Rathbone, whose mother was a lineal descendant of Jonathan Edwards, came to Washington from Eagle Harbor, Michigan, where he had been engaged in teaching school and directing amateur dramatists. Among the plays he had performed with his amateur group was John Banim's *Damon and Pythias*. The ideology of the play had moved him greatly, and though he was already a mem-

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DECATUR PYTHIANS READY FOR PICNIC

Mon., Sept. 6, 1909

Lodgemen From All Parts of
State Expected in City
Today.

PROGRAM IS ARRANGED

Athletic Events and Ball Game
Scheduled for the
Afternoon.

Today will be a busy day for the
Pythians.

The lodge will have a picnic which
will be held at the city park.

The lodge has been preparing for
this occasion for some time. The
members have been working hard
to make the picnic a success. They
will have a picnic at the city park
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Ball Game Arranged

There will be a baseball game be-
tween the F. M. C. and The Eastern
league which is expected to be an in-
teresting event. The game will be
played at 2 P. M. at the city park.

Box seats will be given to
everyone present.

Sack race—winner to be given a
ruff button and 50 cents.

100 yard dash—winner to be given
a pair of cuff buttons.

Ladies' foot race—winner to be
given a gold watch.

Three-legged race—winner to be
given a box of cigars.

Picnic Committee

During the preparations for this pic-
nic, the following committees were
appointed and assigned special duties:
Reception—J. W. Carter, Neal Drew,
F. P. Smallwood, C. G. Fred Cooper,
Harry Keas, Charles Rodgers, Peter
Hahnbecker and Joe Adams.
Grounds—J. W. Carter, Frank
Songer, N. T. Jones, F. R. Glenn,
W. W. Wattle, F. J. Strader.

PYTHIANISM IN DECATUR

DECATUR has three Pythian Lodges, Coeur de Leon, No. 17, Chevalier Bayard, No. 189, and En Ami, No. 593. The total local membership is about 550.

There are two Pythian Sisters Temples and a division of the Uniform Rank.

COEUR DE LEON NO. 17.

Coeur de Leon lodge is one of the oldest in the state and one of the best too. It is also the largest in the state outside of Chicago. It has initiated between 700 and 800 members, some of whom have died, some dropped out and some become charter members of other lodges.

The lodge was instituted Feb. 22, 1871, only seven years after the formation of the order. The charter members were all old residents of Decatur whose names are remembered to this day. They were as follows:

- H. F. Dodson
- W. W. Mason
- J. C. Carder
- B. K. Durfee
- W. W. Peddycord
- E. M. Miser
- J. F. McChain
- A. P. Griswold

The first officers elected were as follows:

- Chancellor—B. F. Dodson
- Vice Chancellor—B. K. Durfee
- Prehire—A. P. Griswold
- Banker—W. W. Peddycord
- Physician—W. W. Mason
- Recording Secretary—M. F. Kanan
- Worthy Guide—E. M. Miser
- Inner Guard—J. C. Carder
- Outer Guard—J. F. McChain

Order Strong and Well Represented In the Home City.

1871. He has been financial scribe for eighteen years and over.

The lodge first met on South Park street in the rooms now occupied by the Hosteler printing house. Then it moved to the hall in the Lyon building and then to the rooms above the old Linn & Scroggs store. After the fire in 1895, the lodge met in the rooms now occupied by the Elks till the new Powers building was finished.

CHEVALIER BAYARD NO. 189.

Chevalier Bayard lodge, No. 189, was organized Aug. 10, 1889, as the result of the efforts of Walter Hurchin, now manager of the Decatur Home Telephone company.

Mr. Hurchin became identified with Coeur de Leon lodge when he was 21 and in the course of time served two terms as chancellor, commander.

Shortly after his last term he concluded that Decatur could maintain two good lodges and set about to accomplish the work of organizing it. Following are a few of the early members of the lodge:

- A. H. Cope
- J. B. Dinges
- T. A. Strecher
- George E. Outimby
- R. E. Lanier
- E. R. Chiver
- John Allen
- J. L. Drake
- J. W. Carter
- C. F. Stort
- A. L. McNabb
- Walter Hurchin
- C. F. Clapp
- L. H. Shelley
- W. A. Short
- H. W. Keas
- I. E. Stumpf
- H. L. Foutle

EN AMI, NO. 593.

En Ami lodge, No. 593, K. of P., was organized April 4 and 5, 1900, in the office of Dr. C. Taylor, Ball at Water and Bradford streets. The first officers elected were:

- Chancellor—Commander—Dr. Taylor
- Vice Chancellor—E. J. Strader
- Prehire—Budd Flory
- Master of Work—E. W. Barkman
- Master of Exchequer—G. A. Mann

PYTHIAN SISTERS.

The first temple of Pythian Sisters in Decatur about 1880. It was organized under the jurisdiction of the supreme chief, Hartie A. Robinson. The temple was the second to be organized in the state. Mrs. Robinson then went ahead until she had organized seven temples in Illinois. Then according to the law the highest officials of those temples could form a grand temple of the state.

This was done in Decatur in 1892 and Mrs. Hall of Myrtle temple was chosen the first grand chief. The first session of the grand temple of Illinois was held in Decatur in 1893. At that time there were twenty-one temples in Illinois, and two in Decatur, Myrtle and Fern Leaf.

About five years ago the third temple, Decatur temple No. 137, was instituted. Myrtle temple is considered the wealthiest in the state. It has property worth from \$700 to \$1,000 all the time. The temple paid \$350 for a lot in the Pythian home addition. It has an active membership of about sixty-nine sisters, and some honorary members.

Fern Leaf temple is in good standing. It has thirty-nine sisters. This temple has lost a great many members in the last four years by death. It gave \$25 toward the furnishing of the home and is now contemplating purchasing some fine etchings and steel engravings for the walls of the home.

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

June 9, 1910

10 a. m. to 1 p. m.—Inspection of home by visitors.
1 p. m.—Parade.
2 p. m.—Dedicatory exercises:
 Music—Band.
 Invocation—Rev. Samuel H. Bowyer, Springfield.
 Music—Quintet.
 Address of Welcome—Mayor Charles M. Borchers.
 Presentation of Home to the Grand Lodge—John J. Reeve, vice chairman of home board.
 Address of Acceptance—Grand Chancellor Albert Watson.
 Music—Quintet.
 Ritualistic Exercises—Grand Lodge Officers.
 Music—Band.
 Address—Mrs. Anna Gossett, grand chief of Pythian Sisters.
 Music—Quartet.
 Music—Band.
 Closing Ode.

4 to 7 p. m.—Inspection of Home by visitors.
7:30 p. m.—Reception to the public.
8 to 11 p. m.—Inspection of Home by public.
8:30 p. m.—Address in Auditorium—Past Supreme Chancellor Charles A. Barnes.
Music in dining room and auditorium by orchestra.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS AT DEDICATION

Grand Chancellor—Albert Watson, Mt. Vernon.
Grand Vice Chancellor—Judge John B. Vargin, of Carlinville.
Grand Prelate—Joseph M. Goss, Chicago.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Henry P. Caldwell, Chicago.
Grand Master of Exchequer—Milford F. Dunlop, of Jacksonville.
Grand Master at Arms—Charles L. Ritter, of Murphysboro.
Grand Inner Guard—W. K. Whitfield Sullivan.
Grand Outer Guard—Thomas Williamson, Edwardsville.

DAYS FEATURES

Number of out of town people in Decatur for Dedication—10,000.
Number of special trains on railroads—Eight.
Number of special interurban cars—Thirty.
Supreme Representatives—John J. Brown, Vandalia; William G. Edens, Chicago; James H. Barkley, Springfield; James G. Whiting, Canton; Frank C. Smith, East St. Louis.
Grand Trustees—Robert F. Leonard, Chicago; William D. Hadfield, Peoria; John F. Parsons, Joliet.

Map of Territory Adjacent to Home.

THE DECATUR REVIEW

Thursday Evening, June 5, 1918

PYTHIAN HOME



DECATUR AND
MACON COUNTY
HOSPITAL



CITY
SCHOOL

NORTH UNION BOULEVARD

NORTH CRUCE

NORTH MADE

NORTH WALKER BOULEVARD

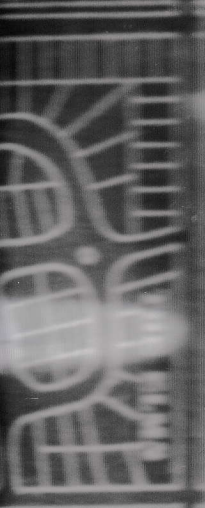
PYTHIAN AVENUE

STREET

FOREST

DOWNING HOME
PLACE

OSBORN AUSTIN
ACADEMY



June 9, 1910

...roanda, monolith in the hall and locker room, and hard maple in the dormitories and living rooms. The same scheme is followed in all parts of the home. The public places are floored with tile, the places where noise would be distressing are floored with monolith, and the living rooms are floored with hard maple.

FOR BOYS.

The transept wings on the second and the third floors, the latter devoted to boys, are built exactly alike. In each transept there is a large dormitory, 38x25-feet, capable of accommodating thirty girls. Attached to each is a locker room, equipped with steel lockers, a bath room, a room for the attendant and a day room, where the girls will spend their leisure during the day.

The bath rooms are all tiled and finished in slate. For the children there are no tubs. All the beds are showers.

The day rooms will be equipped with tables and chairs and books so that girls may read there or study or sew there. The boys' day rooms will be equipped with the same idea, except that more games will be provided.

FOR THE AGED.

West of the rotunda are more private bedrooms for the old people or for large girls. When girls outgrow the dormitories they will be moved to these large rooms and fitted up by themselves. There are five of these bedrooms, all large, on the second floor between the rotunda and the auditorium. In addition there are a bath room and a "dry" room, the latter a room fitted with steam pipes where clothes may be dried.

In the rear of the auditorium section are the servants' quarters, five bedrooms to be given to the women that work in the home. These are fitted up as any other bedrooms in the home, though they are painted instead of being tiled.

THIRD FLOOR.

On the third floor there is available space only in the front section above the rotunda. The long, unroofed part of the building is only two stories high, the lower section, or transept section being four stories high.

This part of the third floor is practically a duplicate of the same section of the second floor, except that it is fitted up for boys and not for girls.

FOURTH FLOOR.

On the fourth floor are the rotunda and, in front of it, a single large room finished in brick and with only tile ceiling plastered, for the gymnasium. This gymnasium is 41x23. It will be

DINING ROOMS.

...the main side of the dining room, has been fitted elaborately in woodwork with a handsome cabinet for the storage of anything of value, cut glass, sterling silver, and accessories of a good dinner. This private dining will be used on state occasions

...and these rooms is the big dining room, 48x28 feet, which runs the width of the building. It is divided in the middle by four columns, otherwise is clear. It has been fitted with tables and chairs in an oak style. Likewise it has been stocked with a big stock of serviceable china, the kind you expect to have on your own table on ordinary occasions, glass ware, plated silverware and the like. Pythian Sisters looked after it. This dining room is large enough to seat at one time nearly all the members of the home.

SERVING ROOM.

...ly a quarter as large as dining room is the huge serving room at its rear. This will be a big convenience for the workers at the home.

PANTRY AND REFRIGERATOR.

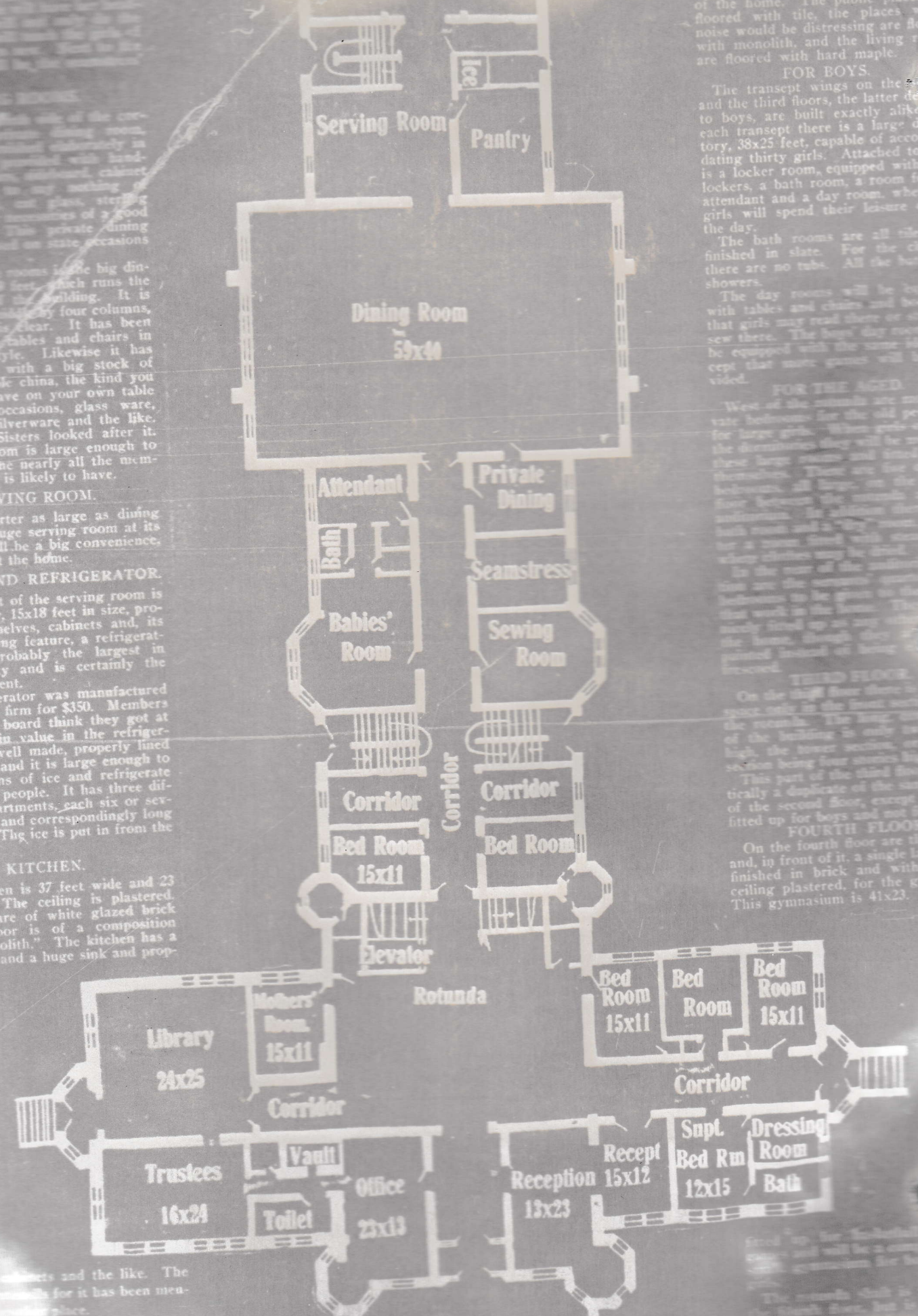
...coming out of the serving room is the huge pantry, 15x18 feet in size, provided with shelves, cabinets and, its most interesting feature, a refrigerator that is probably the largest in the county and is certainly the most convenient.

The refrigerator was manufactured by a Chicago firm for \$350. Members of the home board think they got at least \$1,000 in value in the refrigerator.

It is well made, properly lined all that, and it is large enough to hold two tons of ice and refrigerator for 500 people. It has three different compartments, each six or seven feet high and correspondingly long and broad. The ice is put in from the side.

KITCHEN.

The kitchen is 37 feet wide and 23 feet deep. The ceiling is plastered, the walls are of white glazed brick and the floor is of a composition called "monolith." The kitchen has a range and a huge sink and prop-



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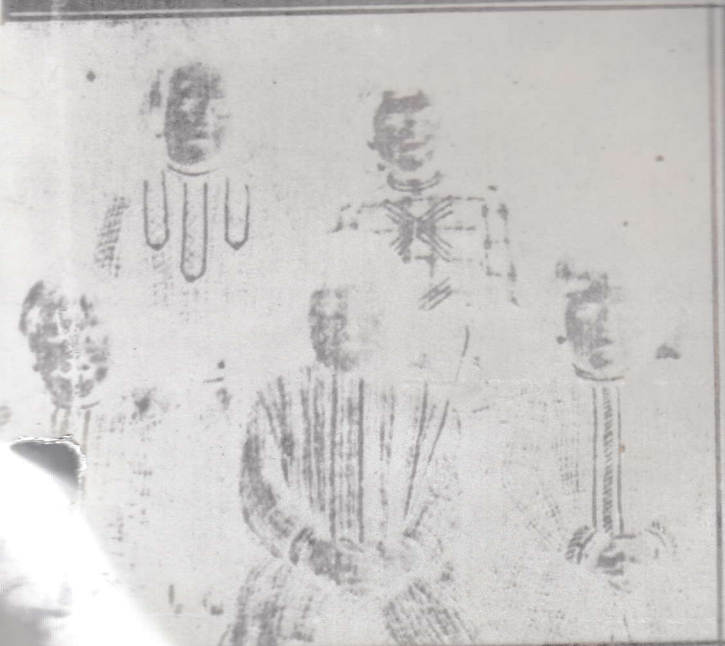
DECATUR, ILLINOIS, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 25, 1910.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.



THE PYTHIAN HOME CHRISTMAS TREE.

The tree stands in the parlors, which has been elaborately decorated with Christmas balls and greens. A regular load of presents was taken to the parlors Saturday.



THIS IS TO BE A GREAT DAY AT THE PYTHIAN HOME

For days, say weeks, anticipation at the Pythian home has been building up for the day now at hand—Christmas day. For night on night the little ones, as they went to bed, have been looking up their stockings, fondly hoping for a visit from the good St. Nick during the night.

Around the home the one topic on every lip lately has been that of Santa Claus and the one thought—that of Christmas. The little ones have talked all day of his coming and dreamed of him at night. The older ones wondered what the blessed saint was to bring them and busied themselves in getting their own humble presents ready.

HOARDING FOR GIFTS

How much of thought the children have expended on their presents for others no one can say. Sufficient to say that all of them have been hoarding for a month past and hoarding

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As for the Christmas dinner, it will be a most excellent one. There will be turkey and roast beef, with all the trimmings. There will be mince pie, plum pudding and other things. The children will be busy all day long, and the afternoon will be a wonderful one. All these things will be ready through the generosity of the Pythian lodge and club.

Nothing has ever been so done before. The Pythian home will be a most wonderful one.

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Sun. Dec. 25, 1910



BOYS AT THE PYTHIAN HOME.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT DECATUR HOTELS

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WAY HERE. about Christmas. It may be like that from but it is not He may be right cheerfulness of the dinner was a "cult- it was the fact of host. The Christmas hotel or restaurant triumph of the year. sympathy on the peo- to eat Christmas and restaurant. It is of which he get he like and some are thinking of these dinner some to live at restaur- that were their in- another day than they will see him they will not have arranged at his

Christmas spent some in the the regular of the hotels the restaur- some of the a pag- the

get back into it till after New Year. The holiday season is the annual roundup, the period of the year when traveling men have an opportunity to get acquainted with their families and with their employers.

LONESOME PLACES.
The hotels are lonesome places these days. At one of the downtown hotels it was reported Saturday that there were not twenty-five guests in the house and in the others there were scarcely more. But those that are there will have a feast befitting the occasion. There will be turkey, of course, and oysters and probably venison and duck that will tempt the healthy man to brave dyspepsia and the dyspeptic to break every vow of renunciation.

CITY PEOPLE THERE.
But these hotel dinners will not go to waste just because few traveling men have stayed to eat them. Many city people have adopted the habit of going to the hotels for these holiday dinners and the habit is growing. This is true of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year, but especially of Christmas. It costs something of effort and a trifle of money to prepare a Christmas spread in the home these days. Turkey and oysters and other comestibles have an appreciable value in the market and the purchase of the materials for a Christmas dinner leaves an appreciable vacancy in the purse. Besides that somebody in the household must work early and late in the preparation of that feast. A good many people are concluding that it is not more expensive and is vastly less trouble to eat their Christmas dinner at a hotel table and settle at the desk. Of course this eliminates some of the social features of a family gathering which are too important to be overlooked, but notwithstanding some hundreds of Decatur people will today eat their dinner at the hotels.

AT RESTAURANTS.
It is somewhat different at the restaurants. A large part of their guests are all the time local people. Some of these have homes away from Decatur and will go home for Christmas and some will be invited out for other, but a large proportion of the regular patrons of the restaurants will get their Christmas dinner at their accustomed places. The Christmas dinner will be served at the regular time and the

at the Pythian home are awaiting the day when the little ones, as they went to bed, have been hanging up their stockings, fondly hoping for a visit from the good St. Nick during the night.

Around the home the one name on every lip lately has been that of Santa Claus and the one thought that of Christmas. The little ones have babbled all day of his coming and dreamed of him at night. The older ones wondered what the blessed saint was to bring them and busied themselves in getting their own humble presents ready.

HOARDING FOR GIFTS.
How much of thought the children have expended on their presents for others no one can say. Sufficient to say that all of them have been planning for a month past and hoarding up their pennies and nickles for the glad-some day when they could come to town and do their shopping.

About ten days ago, Superintendent Thornton Clark of the home brought a wagonload of the boys to town on a shopping trip. The boys each had from a half dollar to a dollar apiece. In the aggregate it was not much, but the use that the boys made of it testified to their shopping ability, for the big wagon was nearly loaded down with presents on the homeward journey.

The girls have been brought to town at various times. While their purchases in quantity did not compare with those of the boys, they made up in daintiness for any such lack.

SEND OUT PRESENTS.
All the past week the children have been busy preparing their presents for the sending. Some go to fond mothers, others to sisters and brothers, still others to more distant relatives. Daintily packed and carefully addressed, the presents that have been going out from the home would rival in number those sent out by a like number of children more happily situated. Some of those packages have borne the Red Cross stamps, too, showing that the children think of others in misfortune.

WANT CHRISTMAS STORIES.
"Tell us a Christmas story," has been the plaint that the little ones have sent up to the governesses every evening the past two weeks. Then they would gather around their governesses and listen with glistening eyes to the old tale of the babe in the manger and of the three wise men who came out of the east. Even after being tucked in for the night little voices still clamored for another story.

When the little ones at the home awake this morning they will find that Santa Claus has not passed them by. They all hung up their stockings last night and went softly to bed, to lie awake a long long time to listen for Santa Claus. But when he came all were asleep for little bodies were tired and little eyes soon grew weary.

What they will find in their stockings are presents from many sources, from parents and other relatives, from Superintendent Thornton Clark and his wife, from many others about the home, and from certain people who are interested in the home.

BIG CHRISTMAS TREE.
Then there will be a big Christmas tree Monday afternoon. It was bought by the home board and decorated with all that silver cord and other finery, not to mention the candles that usually go with such a tree. There will be presents on this tree for each and every little one, for the children of the home are not to be left out. Of course the children will have sufficient. This has been assured by the board. They have seen all of what have been sent out for the purchase of candy and

The cards which show that even's fathers or sisters or brothers to send Christmas cards to them are to receive Christmas cards from those who have not forgotten that a little child shall lead them.

THE DINNER.
As for the Christmas dinner, it is to be one that will call for a liberal stock of medicine afterward. There are to be turkey and mackerel sauce and plum pudding and fruit cake and apple-caramel system and other things numerous to mention. There will also be candy and oranges and nuts during the afternoon and a distribution of presents. All these things are to be served through the generosity of the hotel lodges and others.

Bedtime is at 10:30 p. m. for the little folks. They will prefer to get under some latitude, Christmas night, but most of them will be as usual with the day's play that they will be ready for the covers when the regular bedtime comes.

TWENTY AT HOME.
There are now twenty children at the home, ranging in age from only a few short weeks to sixteen in their teens. All are good looking well behaved children and members of a family of which the home is proud.

WAGON LOAD OF PRESENTS.
A wagonload of Christmas presents went out to the Pythian home Saturday afternoon. They were from the three local lodges and the Pythian Sisters and are for distribution Monday afternoon in connection with the entertainment that the lodge are planning.

There were dolls and shoes and wagons and doll cabs and doll beds and everything else in the way that the committeemen, F. O. Dannew of the De Leon, N. T. Watson of Crocker Bayard, and George Lehman of the Ami, and outside assistants could think of. There were also cigars and tobacco for the old men and medicine chests and other things for the elderly women.

The gifts when unloaded made a good solid pile in one corner of the living room. Part of these things go on the Christmas trees; the rest will be for general distribution.

As for the entertainment it is to be at 8 o'clock. The gifts will be distributed at that time. Following this the program of Wednesday night will probably be repeated. An orchestra will furnish music during the evening.

CROWD ON WATER HURRIED BY

Had No Time for Man With a Wonderful Bargain.

There was a crowd on the downtown streets last night and it differed from the usual Saturday night crowds. The Saturday night crowd on Water street saunters. Last night the people had a Chicago move. Usually the man who wants to go somewhere on Water street is handicapped by being obliged to pass people who are going in the same direction. There was no such trouble last night for everybody seemed to be going somewhere. May be it was because they moved as if they were in a hurry.

The metropolitan crowd was not by the usual number of Saturday night street men who were going up and other things. There were no Christmas gifts. They were not even to be seen but they did not seem to care. "It is not a Christmas tree," said one of the men who were going up the street. "It is a Christmas tree." The crowd was what it was and it was a Christmas tree.

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Sun, Jan 21, 1906

SECRET SOCIETIES.

OHIO PYTHIAN ORPHANS' HOME

Establishment That 200 De-
catur People Are Ex-
pected to See.

The building and street children, and of former members of the ranks of Pythians, are now making their way to the location of the new home at Springfield, Ill. The building is a fine one and is being completed in a few days. It is a two-story building with a large hall and many rooms. The building is being completed in a few days. It is a two-story building with a large hall and many rooms. The building is being completed in a few days. It is a two-story building with a large hall and many rooms.



OHIO PYTHIAN HOME.

Party of Two Hundred Will Go From Decatur to Springfield.

best educational Springfield. It is one of the best educational institutions in the world. Besides the regular school, they are all taught useful things, and girls how to do housework and the boys to follow trades.

The cost of maintenance during the last year was \$100 for each boy and girl in the home. During the past six months the entire department had the largest bill was only \$50, the largest part of which was for dentistry. There has been one death in the history of the home.

There are three cottages to the home. These are connected with covered passages with the administration building.

The purpose of the \$5.00 excursion to Springfield is to show the citizens of Decatur just what is offered by the Pythians, and to get them interested in the move for the establishment of the Illinois Pythian home here.

WHITE CROSS

MEETING

The new White Cross council will meet on Monday evening, Jan. 22, at 8 o'clock, at the Pythian hall.

HUNDREDS OF MASONS THIS WEEK

School of Instruction to Be Held Three Days in Decatur.

This will be a big week among the Masons of Decatur and vicinity. The school of instruction to be conducted by the board of grand examiners at the hall of Macon lodge, No. 4, in Masonic temple, will attract hundreds of Masons to the city.

DAYS AND SESSIONS.

The sessions will begin Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock and will last three days, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There will be three sessions each day, morning, afternoon and night. In addition to the board of grand examiners practically all of the grand lodge officers will be in attendance. One day will be devoted to exemplifying the work in the first degree, another to the



J. J. BRITTON.

Bloomington man who is one of the prominent Elks of the state. He will be here at the state convention in May. Mr. Britton has many friends among the Decatur Elks. He is a member of the state executive committee and was here at the committee meeting in November.

Withdrawn by card _____
Died _____
In temporary suspension _____

Total _____
Membership in good standing Jan. 1, 1906 _____
The Executive committee will give _____

by Mrs. May H. _____
443 East Wood, F. _____

LODGE

The American Home for the small amount as the Country "Kid," pro- night through the re- about 100, the exp- nearly the whole ex-

At the close of the of the Modern Amer- day Tuesday evening and entertainment members and their- served.

There will be po- officers at the next Mutual Protective, 541, Friday evening hall. Refreshments Election of the division No. 35, U. held at the Tuesday this time the deci- the military hall w-

The midwinter a- val will be held Jan. 25, in Red Me- ple, No. 117. Fair- have charge, and to be a unique and fair attractions of Knights and La- ned in Red Me- several applications- ing will be called.

TWENTY

Special Fair
Friday, W
The purpose of the fair is to raise money for the benefit of the poor and the sick. The fair will be held at the Pythian hall on Friday, January 20, from 10 o'clock to 10 o'clock.

AMERICAN

At the meeting of the American Home for the Small Child, the following resolutions were adopted: That the members of the lodge be requested to contribute to the fund for the purchase of a new building for the home.

After the business session a social was held at which there was music and dancing.

An order paper will be issued by the lodge on the evening of Feb. 2.

The next meeting of the lodge will be held on Wednesday, January 24, at 8 o'clock.

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TOO MUCH

...but it is not ex-
travagance. It is not extravagance to
exact an out-of-date or inefficient

The most urgent need is probably on
West Main street and at the Pythian
home. The Pythian home school is al-
ready overdue a year, but for that mat-
ter so is the home. The board is un-

Miss Frances Jenkins, an educator of
ability, this year became supervisor of
elementary grades while Miss Flora B.
Smith, became supervisor of primary
hand work.

FINISHING THE \$200,000 STATE PYTHIAN HOME

*The Decatur
Review*

*Friday,
Dec. 31, 1909*



Form of Pythian Home.

Dedication and occupancy of the magnificent new \$200,000 Pythian home in the northern part of the city will occur early in the spring. Work on the home has been under way for over a year, but there are still many things to complete. It is now almost a certainty that the home will be completed in the spring and dedicated either in May or June.

PLANS FOR ENLARGING.

Reports already received by members of the Pythian home board would in-

dicate that the home will be completed almost from the start. For this reason the plans are already contemplated for the erection of another building, this time on the grounds. Many other charitable institutions have found it necessary to add to their accommodations in this way and the system will probably be adopted here.

INTERIOR.

The interior finishing at the home is now under way and the radiators and other steam fixtures are being put in. The lighting fixtures have already been contracted for and will be installed shortly. As for the furnishings, many individuals and lodges of the state have taken it upon themselves to supply

part of the home. The board has already received many contributions from the surrounding community.

Just as soon as the spring comes the grounds will be planted in ornamental flowers and things will be done to make the home a fitting place for the dedication. It appears to be an event in Decatur history, as it will draw attention from all over the state, as well as from neighboring states.

The collection of a register and the establishment of a new organization to honor the attention of the board. About twenty-five persons will be chosen to act about the home from the start.

MYER & SON

Painters and

PYTHIANS TO GET PENSION CHECKS OF \$24

State Gives Promise Money Will Be Available by Sept. 15

Residents of the Decatur Pythian home are to be released from their financial distress as a result of the state's action today. They will receive \$24 a month for each of the 25 residents of the home as of Sept. 15.

State officials assure the 25 Pythians that first checks will be paid them before Sept. 15, the date when the home is to be closed to new admissions.

The plan under which the pension payments may be started at once was worked out several days ago in a conference of State Representatives Dan McGaughey and Arthur J. Hubbard, State's Attorney Paul J. Hubbard and Fred M. Wilson, Democratic county chairman, with Attorney General Otto Kerner and J. H. Andrews, age assistance superintendent of the state department of welfare.

The group of local officials brought to attention of Attorney General Kerner the financial predicament the applicants would face if they were compelled to live with a bare subsistence during the months the closing of Circuit Judge C. V. Miller's ruling that their awards was being appealed by the supreme court.

Attorney General Kerner and the department of welfare, it was learned, were anxious to secure a supreme court review of the case in order to clarify some portions of the pension act, especially the question of retroactivity of the act in appeal cases. The attorney general had maintained the portion of the act is unconstitutional.

In the conference, it was proposed that the case be appealed in regard to only one of the group of applicants, and that pension payments be started at once for the others in the group. One of the petitioners had died, leaving only 25 according to State's Attorney Hutchins.

Miller Gives Approval

In order to carry out this proposal it was necessary to wait until today to secure approval of Judge Miller to a motion to sever all but one of the petitioners in the original action. Judge Miller gave his approval.

The case to be appealed will involve only the application of John Borreson. The Pythian lodge will pay Mr. Borreson \$24 a month while the appeal is pending in order that he shall not suffer a loss through being selected as the one to appeal.

The present solution of the difficulty over pensions for the aged Pythian home residents comes after effort of more than one year.

After the Macon county age assistance bureau approved the applications, the state department reversed this finding on the ground that persons living in fraternal homes were not eligible.

Col. Smith, representing the Pythian Home board, filed a test case last December on the application of Mrs. Clara Ellen Dew, and Circuit Judge Miller made an award of \$24 a month.

Filed New Action

When the state department of welfare declined to accept the decision in the case of Mrs. Dew as an award to pay a Pythian Home applicant, Col. Smith filed a new action.

Lawyers from the office of Attorney General Kerner challenged the right to the circuit court to pass on the question, contending that the portion of the statute authorizing such a proceeding is unconstitutional. Judge Miller overruled this defense and ordered the pensions paid. Attorney General Kerner prepared an appeal from the decision.

Early in August, Col. Smith announced the Pythian Home would be closed, because the lodge could no longer finance operation of the institution. A. L. Bowen, director of the department of welfare, stated that after release from the home, aged Pythians would be eligible to apply for pensions.

Through the plan placed in effect today, the process is speeded up so there will be no delay in extending relief.

ing a balanced budget for the institutions developed within the last few years. The lodge attempted a statewide membership and money raising drive in 1935 and on Feb. 17, 1936, it was announced that the home for the aged would be closed and the residents removed to the Children's home as an economy measure.

Found Legal Objections

Enactment of the state old-age pension act two years ago gave hopes that the homes could be maintained with financial success, but legal objections were encountered.

Efforts to obtain state pensions for the aged residents of the institution have been in the courts for nearly two years. The state department of public welfare has resisted efforts of the applicants to obtain payment of the pensions but Circuit Judge C. Y. Miller overruled the department's action in a test case in December, 1936, and awarded a \$24 monthly pension.

The welfare department challenged constitutionality of a portion of the pension act allowing the circuit courts jurisdiction in appeal from the department's decisions. Judge Miller upheld the constitutionality in a test case brought by Mr. Borreson and the supreme court sustained the decision. Meanwhile, 29 former residents of the institution are receiving \$24 monthly pensions but Mr. Borreson is not, due to the fact that the state has asked a rehearing on the case by the supreme court.

Gets Copy of Petition

Col. Smith yesterday received a copy of the welfare department's petition for a rehearing. The petition states that it is deemed "advisable to call the court's attention to the fact that if this opinion stands, it will probably result in the withdrawal of all payments to the State of Illinois from the Social Security board for Old Age Assistance in Illinois." It also calls attention to the "confusion" created in the federal and state board in reference to certain provisions of the acts.

The rehearing will be asked before the February term of the supreme court. There are 34 cases on the rehearing docket for the court term, which opens Tuesday.

Colonel Smith yesterday issued a statement which will be included in his arguments against the welfare department's case if the rehearing is granted.

"The suggestions which the attorney general is asking to be permitted to file do not go to the merits of the case," he said, "nor do they apply to the issues involved. The only question involved is the constitutionality of the law giving appellate jurisdiction to the circuit court."

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Mrs. Harriett
Morrison, date
not given*

Pythian Home Property Here Will Be Sold

Col. Smith to Head New Children's Home in Benton

Permanent closing of the Illinois Pythian Home for Children here and decision to sell the property were announced last night by Col. O. C. Smith, superintendent of the home. The orders came from the relief board of the Knights of Pythias lodge, he said, and the property is in the hands of the trustees of the grand lodge for possible sale.

Announcement was made last month that the home was to be closed Feb. 1 to children now living there. Colonel Smith disclosed last night that a new children's home will be opened in Benton immediately for seven inmates now quartered here. Two others, Vernon and Warren Crawford of Milford, will be boarded out in a Decatur residence. Colonel Smith will leave Tuesday to take charge of the new state Pythian home in Benton.

At present the lodge has no prospective buyers for the large edifice at the north end of Union street, it was reported, and no definite price has been set. The building was valued in 1924 at \$500,000 and the lodge is said recently to have rejected an offer of \$30,000.

"There is little possibility that the Pythians will ever use the lodge again," Colonel Smith said.

Borreson to Chicago

Approximately 40 aged residents of the institution were released last Sept. 15 on orders of the lodge officials. Twenty-six of them are now receiving old-age assistance pensions and the others took residence with relatives. John Borreson, who has remained at the home pending the outcome of a supreme court test case in the award of a state pension, will leave this week to make his home with a daughter in Chicago.

Closing of the Children's home marks the end of a long financial battle of the lodge. Completed in 1910 the institution has housed about 250 children. In 1916 the lodge erected a large residence for aged members on a 40-acre tract three miles north of city, the property being valued at \$265,000. A total of 362 aged men and women have received care there.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE HOME

June 9, 1910

If you have never seen the Pythian Home before, you may think you have seen walls plain and white. It is not so. It is a building that is not only a place of refuge for the homeless, but a place of instruction and of pleasure. It is a place where the Pythians have gathered for the purpose of teaching and of learning. The total cost of the building is about \$1,000,000. Graft & Derr, the contractors, say they have had about \$200,000 on the job, and it is easy to believe them.

LIKE OLDEN CASTLE

Outside the building has the effect of a castle of olden times with four towers and walls surmounted by battlements. In architecture it is a combination of collegiate gothic, with black pointed arches and a heavy construction. It is magnificent—and expensive. Every detail shows that much money was put into it. And yet it is evident that the Pythians have got at least their money's worth. The total cost of the building is about \$1,000,000. Graft & Derr, the contractors, say they have had about \$200,000 on the job, and it is easy to believe them.

ENTRANCE

You must see stone steps to a porch that covers almost the entire front of the structure. You are at once impressed with the solidity of the construction. The steps alone are high enough to overawe you. They are solid pieces of limestone, cut at great labor and expense. Over the front steps is what might be called the keystone of the building, a Pythian emblem carved in Bedford stone. It was carved by the best stone mason, Alexander Armour, placed by him and presented to the home.

You enter through handsome doors, apparently made of single pieces of mahogany to a little marble vestibule and from there you step into the corridor all in mahogany and marble. The first thing you do is to look straight ahead. You can see clear through the building, but the opening at the rear seems to you to be about as far away as you can see. As a matter of fact the building is 238 feet long and 126 feet wide.

GREAT FLOOR SPACE

In connection with the size of the structure it is interesting to note here that the four walls measure exactly a quarter of a mile around. That means that if they were placed end to end, they would make a solid wall two and three stories high down

North Main street from the center of the Transfer House past The Review building to the doors of the Ballard building. The floor space reaches the enormous total of 55,000 square feet, almost two-thirds of a city block. Spread it out on Lincoln park and it would leave little more than enough space for a fence within the sidewalks.

ROTUNDA AND CORRIDORS

From this entering corridor you step into the rotunda, all marble, with marble stairways on each side, a large elevator shaft in one corner and north and south corridors opening off it. Straight ahead is a long corridor leading to the big dining room. It opens on the serving room and continues in a corridor to the kitchen, the last room on the first floor.

PLAN OF BUILDING

Built in the traditional gothic shape of a cross, with a major and a minor axis, the building has capacious wings on each side of the main structure. As may be seen by consulting the drawings. To your left, as you enter is the office. A handsome oak roll top desk will be the finishing touch. Some of the chairs, handsomely upholstered, are already here. This office corners in the southeast tower and is lighted from there by three windows.

Running south from the office is a passageway to the trustees' room. East of the passage is a toilet room and west of it are a closet and steel vault large enough to hold the records of the home and the home board for many years to come.

TRUSTEES

The trustees' room is one of the most handsome in the building. Measuring 15 by 23 feet, it is handsomely finished in mahogany. Its elite furnishings include a long table and sufficient chairs for members of the board. Each member has a small drawer or locker in the table. The effect is both pleasing and dignified.

LIBRARY

West of the trustees' room and opening off it is the library, a large, almost square room about 25x24 feet. So far it has only a few chairs in it, but it will have a large and handsome library table, book shelves and books.

Superintendent Clark hopes that lodges through the state will provide both shelves and books for the library, a foundation for which has already been provided by the Review fund. The furnishings are in heavy oak.

The library has an outside door through a tower vestibule on the south. There is a similar door in the north wall and an open sweep between the two that gives the effect of a continuous corridor between the two, though the corridor proper ends at the library door.

MOTHERS' ROOM

Occupying the rest of the space in the south wing is what the board calls the mothers' room and what the superintendent and matron call the children's reception room. It is about the size of a reception room in a large private dwelling. It is handsomely furnished with willow furniture and an excellent rug. It has a handsome writing desk for the visitors, tiny chairs for the children and larger chairs for the callers. It is in this room that the children will receive their parents or friends.

The rotunda is truly magnificent, with its marble columns, wainscoting and marble stairways, its tile floor, its mural paintings and its skylight of handsome art glass. It is described more in detail elsewhere in this issue.

RECEPTION

From the corridor the suite of reception rooms opens in the north wing. They are finished in heavy mahogany, have mahogany furniture and are lighted with handsome brass fixtures. There are two of them, one 22 by 12 in general dimensions and cornering in a large tower room and the other, north of it, a considerable smaller room but just as handsome in its appointments. These reception rooms have been furnished with an eye to comfort as well as to magnificence. All the mahogany is heavily upholstered with leather.

North of the reception rooms in the north wing is the superintendent's suite, consisting of a bedroom, a bath room and a dressing room. The bedroom and bath room are finished in mahogany and the bath room in marble. The furnishings are in walnut.

FOR VISITING PYTHIANS

The corridor between the second reception and the superintendent's suite on one side and the quarters for visiting Pythians on the other side terminates in a tower vestibule and entrance to the north.

The quarters for visiting Pythians are one of the distinctive features of

the home. The first one, opening off the corridor to the red room, furnished by Henry F. Caldwell, grand keeper of records and seal of the grand lodge. It is all in red, except the wood, which is mahogany. The flooring is shiny and beautiful, all in red. The bed is brass.

North of it and opening off the corridor in the north wing is the yellow room, also shiny. The furniture here is in Georgian walnut.

The blue room is also handsome. It is finished in blue, the wood in mahogany. The wood is mahogany.

FOR AGED PYTHIANS

Coming back to the main part of the building, you find as you go down the main corridor after having seen the rotunda a bed room in each wing. Each of the rooms corners in a tower window that makes a good little alcove either for a chair or a sitting room. These bed rooms will be used by aged Pythians on their visits. They are handsomely furnished in mahogany and Georgian walnut and are lighted by a single lamp. The bedding is of the finest quality.

FOR ENLARGEMENT

Next are the ladies' rooms in the southeast corner. They are finished in mahogany and have mahogany furniture. They are lighted with handsome brass fixtures. There are two of them, one 22 by 12 in general dimensions and cornering in a large tower room and the other, north of it, a considerable smaller room but just as handsome in its appointments. These reception rooms have been furnished with an eye to comfort as well as to magnificence. All the mahogany is heavily upholstered with leather.

FOR BABIES

Next are the babies' rooms in the south end of the main wing on the north.

This babies' room alone, where visitors receive and receive, has beds of brass with high sides, furnished with soft mattresses and pillows and covered by the white of sheets and pillowcases and spread stand in this room. Taking in the bay window this room is 19 feet wide by 21 feet long. It can accommodate twenty-five youngsters. Every comfort children could have in a private home will be provided here.

The babies' room opens into a small corridor that leads to the attendant's room and is finished on one side by

Hundreds of Organizations and a Dozen Bands in Decatur For Great Pythian Event.

June 9, 1910

With nearly 15,000 people looking on, the magnificent Illinois Aged Pythian and Orphans' home north of Decatur was dedicated at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Threatening weather cut the attendance in two. Over 20,000 people were expected. Rain last night and this morning in various parts of the state cut the visitors down to 10,000.

DEDICATION.

The dedication was accomplished without a hitch. The home board, the grand lodge officers and other distinguished Pythians were seated on a big platform built in front of the home facade.

After the invocation and the music, Mayor C. M. Borchers delivered a short address welcoming the Pythians to Decatur and praising the home they have erected here.

Then John J. Reeve, vice chairman of the home board, formally presented the home to the grand lodge.

SPECIAL RITUAL.

Grand Chancellor Albert Watson then conducted the ritualistic exercises planned by Henry P. Caldwell, grand keeper of records and seal, for this occasion. They were impressive and beautiful. Following the ritual Chancellor Watson delivered his address, the main one of the afternoon.

Mrs. Anna Gossett, grand chief of the Pythian Sisters, delivered the closing address of the afternoon.

HANDED OVER \$20,000 CASH.

Just before the program ended, J. W. Carter, local member of the Pythian Home board, stepped forward and presented to the grand chancellor a certified check for \$20,000, the balance of the \$25,000 subscription made by Decatur to the home fund. Mr. Carter's speech was extemporaneous.

"Many thought and said Decatur could not do it," he said, "when we promised \$25,000, a site, and a lot of other things to the grand lodge for this home. But here is proof that we have done our share, that we have carried out our contract. And if the contract had been five times as great, Decatur could have fulfilled it just as easily."

MUSIC.

The quintet that sang at the exercises was composed of Mrs. Walter Glenn, Mrs. Roy Essick, C. W. Montgomery, A. E. Lindamood and J. S. McClelland. The songs were "How Good Is He, the Giver," "All Nature Now Rejoice," both for quintet, and "Light Abode," for quartet. J. S. McClelland is the addition to the quartet that makes the quintet.

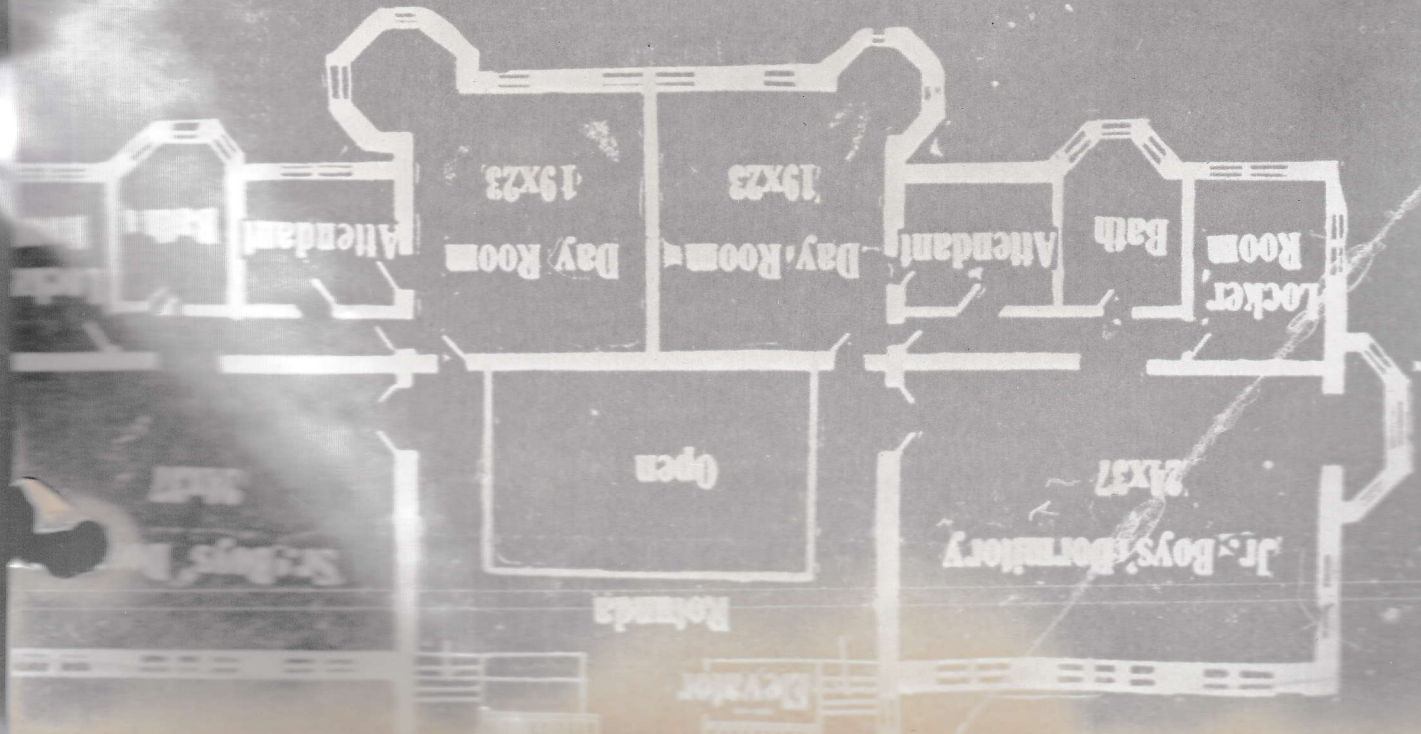
much of the credit for the excellent work done on the Pythian Home is due to the superintendent, Lee M. Deal, a brother of Architect J. M. Deal. Mr. Deal was employed by the board at the home from the time the first brick was laid till the contractor turned the building over to the board and he watched every inch of progress. He saw that what was set

LEE, M. DEAL.



SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME CONSTRUCTION

Third Floor Plan



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...the... of... and...
...the... of... and...

And we are anxious you should see what a real Democrat can do when the need is great and he is going fine. Dig your finger in the stew and get some of the salt of the earth. The law is fine, all you need to do is be true to it. You will stay till the break all right.

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WOMEN WILL PLAY MORE

A member for the Y. W. C. A. remarked that in a year membership in the center has fallen off just a little bit in this state. In explanation of this he spoke of the girls being "amusement mad" and also said something about competition from other fraternal organizations, all looking for members.

That emphatically seemed to be laid on the amusement-mad feature. There was a revival of automobiles, baseball, movies, theaters and dances. There call for time, for amusement is not what you can't do by your. The thought seemed to be that when people give up work time in these things they have little left for the lodge.

Well, some of us refuse to accept the statement that people of this country cannot themselves amuse. It is something that is often said, but it takes more than this to make a fact. We are talking about a day that shall have eight hours of work, eight of recreation and eight of sleep—there is a notion that this will be about the proper adjustment.

Note that eight hours for reflection and recreation. That is more than our people, speaking generally, are now taking. A man can do automobiles, baseball, movies, theaters and dances, the whole line of them, and still not get in eight hours a day. One imagines that the average person doesn't give them an hour a day, that is 365 hours in a year.

What is done with the other seven hours that are coming for recreation? Well, they don't come to everybody. Some who have them haven't learned how to use them. Good observers tell

...taken on a... Vandala...
...taken on a... Vandala...
...taken on a... Vandala...

A little one-hour bill concern in Pennsylvania has just declared a dividend of 70 per cent for the year. You would need a course in higher mathematics to figure out the profits John D. must have made this year.

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...taken on a... Vandala...

Decatur, Pittsburg were... the fact that Company... had won a \$100 prize for the largest company in the second regiment of the... rank.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

Mrs. Sophia McClelland, mother of J. S. McClelland, died.

Mrs. Milton Johnson was named president of the W. F. M. S. of the First Methodist church.

Decatur Shoe Store

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UNION MADE

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Friday Evening, October 20, 1916.

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Scovill's
Saturday

EARLIEST SNOW
ON OUR RECORDS

WILLSON TALKS
TO EMPTY SEATS



SUMMIT CULTURE CLUB OF HARRISTOWN PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE NEWS

Some German beer, when dried, contains 45 per cent carbon and has heat value of coal.

Mr. Hatch also has plans for the installation of a motion picture machine in the assembly room. He does not believe in the assembly room. He does not believe in the assembly room. He does not believe in the assembly room.

Another big improvement in the home is the installation of a manual training department. The equipment will consist of six benches and a saw planer and all the necessary tools and materials. The boys of the institution are working on this project.

The Ryman Orphan's home will soon be equipped with a hospital. On the fourth floor of the building a room which was originally intended for a gymnasium has been divided into three wards which will when completed contain 11 beds. The hospital wards have been needed as private rooms have been used for the sick.

At the south line of the east line of the building will be modern equipment throughout. Mr. Hatch also has plans for the installation of a motion picture machine in the assembly room.

Dr. James McPherson, the concert master, plays the solo violin part. The orchestra is composed of the following members: First Violin, John Smith; Second Violin, James Brown; Violoncello, Robert White; Double Bass, Charles Green; Piano, William Black; Organ, Thomas Gray; Trombone, Daniel Blue; Trumpet, Edward Red; Drums, George Purple; and Percussion, Frank Yellow.

Several of the boys have already had manual training and can go to work on their own. The machinery will be run by electric motors. The manual training room is in the basement of the building.

Manual Training Work. The boys of the institution are working on this project. They are learning to use tools and machinery. This is an important part of their education.

Isolation in Contagious Cases. The hospital wards have been needed as private rooms have been used for the sick. This is a necessary measure to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

Equipment This Week. \$2000—Sept. Hatch Boring. Isolation Will Cost Total of \$2000—Sept. Hatch Boring. Equipment This Week. \$2000—Sept. Hatch Boring.

Five Chaperones. Mrs. D. T. Miller, Mrs. J. L. White, Mrs. R. B. Green, Mrs. S. C. Brown, and Mrs. T. E. Black. They will be chaperoning the young ladies at the upcoming event.

Work seldom attended for 11 years and the club has been organized. The club has been organized and will be held in the assembly room.

Need at K.P. Home. Hospital to fill. The hospital will be used for the care of contagious cases. It will have 11 beds and modern equipment.

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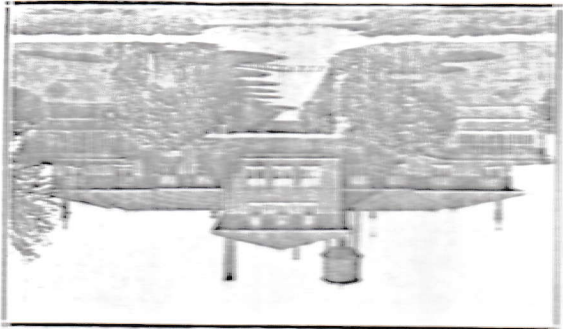
*From Richmond, Mabel G.,
 Centennial History of Decatur
 and Mason County,
 Southern Review, 1930 pp 185, 186*

was chosen first grand chief. Two other temples of Pythian sisters have been organized in Decatur. They are Decatur temple and Fern Leaf temple.

Decatur was chosen as the location for the state home for aged Pythians, their wives, widows and orphans, which the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias voted to establish during its session Oct. 17-19, 1905, held in this city. The cornerstone for the new home in Decatur was laid June 9, 1908, and dedication took place June 9, 1910. The cost of the home was about \$160,000.

In 1916 another home was erected four miles north of Decatur. This second building is the home for the aged people, while the first building erected is the home for the children only. The home for the aged cost \$50,000. In 1927 an addition costing approximately the same amount was erected.

PTTHIAN OLD FOLKS HOME



Coeur de Leon lodge, Knights of Pythias, was instituted Feb. 22, 1871, only seven years after the foundation of the order. Charter members were B. F. Dodson, B. K. Durfee, M. F. Kanan, W. W. Peddecord, W. W. Mason, E. M. Misner, J. C. Carter, J. F. McChain and A. P. Griswold.

Chevalier Bayard lodge, No. 189, was organized Aug. 10, 1889, as the result of the efforts of Walter Hutchins.

Em Ann lodge No. 393 was organized April 4 and 5, 1900, in the office of Dr. C. Taylor Hall, Water and Bradford streets.

The Myrtle Temple No. 2 Pythian Sisters, was started in 1890, through the efforts of Mrs. Mary Winegardner. It was the second such organization in the state.

KNIGHTS OF PTHIAS

The Grand Temple of Illinois of Pythian Sisters, which is composed of the highest officials of the various temples in the state, was organized in Decatur in 1892 and Mrs. Hall of Myrtle temple

PTTHIAN ORPHANS HOME



SIXTY cities and towns of Central Illinois will be represented at the Pythian gala event on Monday, Sept. 6. Invitations have been mailed to every lodge in Central Illinois by the committee from the local lodges which has charge of the arrangements of the big outing and arrangements of accommodations have been received from every lodge in Central Illinois. Knights of Pythian hotels will be held at the Pythian home grounds on Monday, Sept. 6. Invitations have been mailed to every lodge in Central Illinois by the committee from the local lodges which has charge of the arrangements of the big outing and arrangements of accommodations have been received from every lodge in Central Illinois. Knights of Pythian hotels will be held at the Pythian home grounds on Monday, Sept. 6.

Two Views of the Illinois Pythian Home



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Former Sergeant Gets First G.I.



First G. I. loan to be issued in Decatur, bankers reported, was signed last week by Charles W. Girard, 1674 North Clinton street, former army sergeant.

First Decatur G.I. Loan Issued

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Pythian Homes Are Sold for \$43,000

Russia Wants Lasting Peace, Stevens Says

By HAROLD M. STALKER
OF THE HERALD STAFF
Russia wants peace. It has over 2,000 miles of frontier increased in many places by paths of invasion and it wishes to seal those paths forever.

Edmund Stevens, touring war cover from its ruins and wounds, vacuum within its border and re-respondent for the Christian Science Monitor, gave that message to an audience in the Masonic Temple last night in the sixth of the Community Lecture series.

Larges Understanding
Mr. Stevens urged people of the United States to study the problems of Russia with understanding and concern for the terrible sufferings which it has undergone and above all, urged them not to listen to wild stories about Russia which were intended to place that nation in a bad light.

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Closed Since 1937
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Pythian homes were dedicated in 1916 and the building and grounds were valued at \$265,000.

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Knights of Pythias officials said only that the sale of the properties did not state whether or not other purchasers.

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June 30, 1958

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Nelson Park.

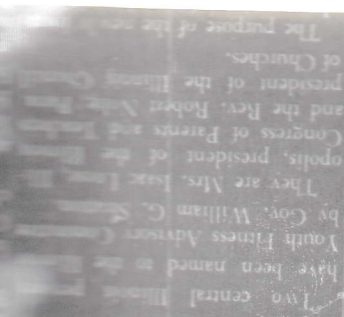


First Pythian Home Reunion Held

About 75 former residents of the Illinois Pythian Home for Children in Decatur held their first reunion in Nelson Park yesterday. Included in the group were eight persons from Decatur and Macon County. Another 75 per- sons, husbands, wives and chil- dren of the former residents, at- tended the reunion. The operation on Transfer & Stor- C. Kell building his afternoon. administrative of C. Kell building ministrations of the minister of office used in the op- and were there. California, Connecticut and Mary- The Pythian Home for Child- and were there.

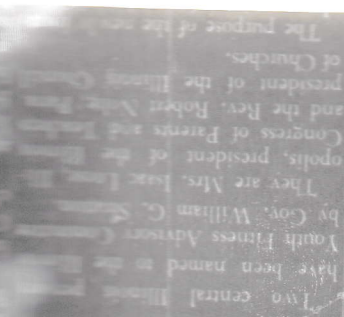
Husband Says Wife, Friend Beat 2-Year-Old

A two-year-old boy was the vic- tim of a severe beating, the baby's father, William H. West of Cham- The boy's mother and a man on parole pleaded innocent to charg- es relating to the beating. Mrs. Virginia Ann West, 20, of 604 N. Union St., charged with contributing to the depend- ency of a minor, was released yes- terday on \$500 bond from county court. The purpose of the new... of Churches.



Stratton Names 2 From Area

Two central Illinois... have been named to the... Youth Fitness Advisor... by Gov. William G. Stratton. They are Mrs. Isaac Lane, Ill... opolis, president of the Illinois... Congress of Parents and Teachers... and the Rev. Robert Noble, Pres... president of the Illinois Council... of Churches.



Bidding on 2nd County Bridge Seen for 1959

6 September 1974

Dear Mr. R. K. B.

On July 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, we had our seventh Reunion at Holiday Inn, Elk Grove Village, Illinois. Thirty-eight happy "kids" (some first timers) were in attendance. While it was not our most heavily attended Reunion, I think it was probably the most enthusiastic and happiest. As we grow older, we realize what it means to see each other, renew old companionships and recall things which we had not thought of for years. And above all, to have that inner joy of being together, which words cannot describe.

Blanche and I want to thank those of you who through your attendance and contributions (monetary and encouragement) made this Reunion one of the best. We also want to thank you for the wonderful presents you so generously presented to us. We will treasure them always. Special thanks to Mary Quartaroli and Virginia Hughes for their help in securing our Headquarters. Also to those husbands and wives who have married into our group, we thank for your patience, understanding and forbearance. You are the best of people.

To you who could not attend, we missed you and were very disappointed in not having you with us. We are looking forward to seeing you at the next Reunion.

It was voted at our business meeting that our next Reunion will be held in Decatur, Illinois, the weekend of July 9th, 10th, and 11th, 1976. This gives all of us almost two years to make plans and to reserve these dates for attendance at this Reunion. When you hang your 1976 calendar, mark these dates and reserve them for your own.

To you who did not attend the Reunion, you will find enclosed an up-to-date address list with some corrections to be added. If any of you have a change of address, please send your new address to Blanche Bashore or to me so we can keep you on our mailing list. There will be advance Reunion notices sent out late 1975 or early 1976.

Keep in touch with each other and make plans to attend the 1976 Reunion. Let us make it as near 100% attendance as possible.

May the Lord watch over us, protect us and spare our group so that we may all be together in July 1976.

Sincerely,

Blanche

Ray Driscoll and Blanche (Thomas) Bashore

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14429 Eagleston

Rivdale, Ill.

Russel Kershaw

2993 Curtis

Des Plaines, Ill. 60018

Mabel Gnest

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4210 Hortle

Cudahy, Cal. 90201

Joseph Oglesby

3020 North Laverne

Chicago, Ill.

Maxine Strode

Mrs. Chester Wright

206 Fayette St.

Sandwich, Ill. 60548

Morgan Strode

1915 University Drive

Charleston, Ill. 61920

Mr. Edward P. Saltiel

1440 No. Lake Shore Drive

Chicago, Illinois 60610

Mr. William Morehead

44 South Ashland

La Grange, Illinois 60525

Board Members:

Enclosure

Report of an interview, Wednesday, July 15, 1975, by Douglas Kuper at her apartment, 215 W. William, Decatur, Illinois.

- Mrs. M. E. Morrison (Harrlett Henderson Morrison), 700 West of the Street, Decatur, who entered the Illinois State Home for Children (later referred to as the Home) at the age of two in 1926, and lived there until March 1, 1961. Her mother and two children were not admitted until they were at least two. Two older brothers and an older sister entered the Home in 1925, earlier than Harrlett. In 1928 when leaving the Home she lived with her father and three other children brother in Kenney, Illinois, her place of birth.

- Ray E. Driscoll, 261 South Nineteenth, Decatur, was the first leader in keeping in touch with friends here at the Home, bringing them in various parts of the country and arranging for reunions. The first of five reunions was held in Decatur in 1958 (see clipping). Others have been held in California and the Chicago area. The years 1958, 1961, 1965 and 1967 have been particularly held the third weekend of July. See an attached letter regarding the next reunion planned to be held in Decatur in 1970, with Ray Driscoll as a primary leader and planner.

Regarding their lives as children at the Home, both spoke warmly and fondly of associations and friendships made there. They have enjoyed the well-attended reunions and look forward eagerly to the next one. They called no sense of awe due to the hugeness of the building, only with minor relations and plenty to keep them occupied, with only minor conditions to occur with as many as 108 children (the maximum number recalled at the Home at any one time) living under one roof.

It was recalled that the Christmas tree, always located in the dining room, was usually two-stories high, and it was expected that it would be tall, if it were to count at all as a real tree.

Each spoke of regular duties, care of their own rooms, of courses, and in Harrlett's case, scrubbing a marble staircase once a week. They recalled how the boys organized the mowing of the lawn, with perhaps as many as six of them, each with a mower (not a gasoline-powered one), but one of the mowers, with each of the six doing a "lane" and getting it completed in strict order.

Work in the garden, orchard, barn, pig pen, and chicken yard kept them busy. Preparing the fruits and vegetables raised on the grounds for meals or for canning were a part of the jobs to be done, too. Cows, rabbits, pigs, chickens and one goat were a part of the animal population. No one seemed to resent the duties each was expected to perform. All seemed to be accepted as reasonable responsibilities. There was great sadness if one were to leave.

Interview with Hattie Morrison and Ray Driscoll Cont'd.

One room at the home was fitted with manual training equipment, and there was an adult to help with the use. Miss Winifred Minturn, a well-known local violinist and musician who later became director of Millikin's school of music, taught music at the home and conducted a home orchestra. Bob Stronaghan went to the home to direct a Glee Club (G.M.C.A.) boys' club that gave plays in the home's auditorium. In Sunday all walked to the Grace Methodist Church for Sunday school and church. This walking even for several children of Italian background with English speaking leaders. All walked both ways. On week days, all attended public schools - largely elementary school, however, for the girls of Decatur High School.

Superintendents of the home included the Reverend Thomson Clark, M.D., 1917-1920; Frank B. Day, D.D., and Edward O. Smith. The children had their favorites, of course, and had their favored subject on that list. The greatest number of children they could recall as being at the home at any one time was 100. They had from all parts of Illinois.

In December 1920, the home was opened in 1917, to close in 1938, the home needed the money. Several children were related to -

- During 1920 and 1921, the home was visited by the children of Illinois.
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- In 1921, a girl named Mary, the girl was 11.11 per cent.
- In 1929, the financial stress and depression that followed, closed many gyms to drop their membership, and along with that, their financial support of the home.
- Originally, a home for Orphans and aged children, a children's home, four miles north of Decatur, east of Route 47, was later built for the aged, leaving the North Union Street home for the children. There is a question as to whether this expansion of program to the homes, added to the financial burden and hastened the closing of the home. First, the home for the aged, and later, the North Union Street structure where both children and aged were again housed just prior to the closing in 1938.

A final note should stress the sadness that prevailed among the children, at the closing of their home. It speaks well for the relationships built up among them, that they hated to leave..... There is now also a sense of sadness related to changes in the building. The acreage has been much reduced, due to real estate developments. But in addition, the rotunda room no longer exists as such, the upper levels being floored over. The marble stairways are enclosed with fire doors. The works of art painted on the upper levels of the rotunda room are no longer there. Massive pieces of furniture such as the oak table that was in the Board room, are gone, this particular table reportedly sold to the American Legion.

On Sunday afternoon, August 24, 1935, Northpark Residential Faculty at 2011 N. Union was visited by Charlotte Meyer in company with Mr. and Mrs. Roy O. Schilling. They were there to conduct a worship service in the second floor auditorium as a part of Decatur's General Christian Church weekly community service. One of the staff members showed Miss Meyer around while the Schillings conducted the service.

History Cont'd.:

- a. a. The room used for the worship service was a second floor auditorium. It was probably used as a chapel during the ownership of the structure by the Missouri Province of the Society of Jesus. The beautiful oak panelling of what was probably a central altar, solid oak front and rear doors, and oak side partitions, creating small study or meditation rooms, and clear glass windows bearing Christian symbols, would all appear to be remnants of the days when the structure was known as St. Joseph's Hall 1840-1861. This was probably the same room that served as an auditorium when the Pythian Children's Home occupied the structure 1870-1888. The children's orchestra under Winifred Minburn's direction probably rehearsed and gave concerts here, or Bob Strongman's dramatic group may have performed here.
- b. What appeared to be the original mahogany woodwork, framed the doors to original rooms along the corridors, and framed windows in these rooms.
- c. It was a very hot Sunday afternoon, and the central air conditioning mentioned in news items when the Jesuits sold the property, was not in evidence, except in the basement dining room.
- d. At the entrance, limestone pillars and the Pythian symbol in Bedford stone were not in evidence. Neither was marble wainscoting, or the rotunda room where it was located, for the three storied rotunda room, with its frescoes and murals, and third floor sky light with colored glass no longer exist. Each story has been floored over, with ceilings lowered in some cases, and smaller rooms partitioned off. This is also true of what once was the trustees' room, the library, and the first floor dining room.
- e. Marble wainscoting was in evidence in the present basement dining room which appeared to be directly below the original first floor dining room.
- f. The marble stairs are enclosed with fire doors.
- g. Original light fixtures in what were original general areas were no longer in evidence.

Freddy Martin:

Saturday Evening Post - April 17, 1948, Page 130.

"Freddy Martin's career started in a home for orphans. He now has a handsome eight-room bungalow in Beverly Hills, and he acquired it the hard way."

Newsweek - August 25, 1947, Page 76 (Freddy Martin)

....."The saxophone is his favorite instrument, and always has been. He did not get one, though, until he was 16 and had left the Knights of Pythias Orphanage in Springfield, Ohio. Born in Cleveland 40 years ago, Martin was orphaned when he was 4, and following his days as a drummer in the orphanage band he kept after music until he had a band of his own."

amongst the inhabitants of the countries where it is established, and even in the neighbouring territories, are very great. The negroes of the bay of Sierra Leone never speak of it without reserve and apprehension; for they believe that all the members of the confederation are sorcerers, and that they have communication with the devil. The Purrah has an interest in propagating these prejudices, by means of which it exercises an authority that no person dares to dispute. The number of members is supposed to be about 6000, and they recognise each other by certain words and signs.

733. *Pythias, Knights of*.—This Order was instituted shortly after the American Civil War in 1864 at Washington, whence it soon spread through the United States. Its professed object was the inculcation of lessons of friendship, based on the ancient story of Damon and Pythias. It calls itself a secret organisation, but in reality is only an ordinary benefit society, though it may have a secret object, since it has within itself a "uniform rank," which in its character is essentially military. The drill has been so revised as to bring it into perfect harmony with the tactics of the United States army; the judges at the competitive drills of the order are officers of the United States army. This "uniform rank" counts upwards of 30,000 members.

734. *Rebeccaïtes*.—A society formed in Wales about 1843, for the abolition of toll-bars. Like the Irish White-Boys the members dressed in white, and went about at night pulling down the toll-gates. Government suppressed them. The supposed chief of the society was called Rebecca, a name derived from the rather clever application of the passage in Genesis xxiv. 60, "And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her . . . Let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate thee."

735. *Redemption, Order of*.—A secret and chivalrous society, which in its organisation copied the order of the Knights of Malta. Its scope is scarcely known, and it never went beyond the walls of Marseilles, where it was founded by a Sicilian exile.

736. *Red Men*.—In 1812, during the war between England and the United States, some patriotic Americans founded a society with the above title. They took its symbolism from Indian life: the lodges were called tribes; the meeting-places, wigwams; the meetings, council fires, and so on. On festive occasions the members appeared in Indian costume. A great many Germans, settled in America, joined

Neckethorn, Charles William, *The Secret Societies of All Ages and Countries*,
University Books, New Hyde Park, N.Y.
Volume II, 1965

Jesuits Purchase Pythian Property

Ex-Children's Home To Be Priests' School

The Salesian Society of the United States has announced that it has purchased the Pythian property in St. Louis, Mo., for use as a school for the training of young men for the priesthood. The property, which was formerly the site of the Ex-Children's Home, is located on the corner of Olive and Chestnut streets. The purchase price was \$1,200,000. The property was purchased from the Pythian Society, which had owned it since 1910. The property was formerly the site of the Ex-Children's Home, which was founded in 1870. The property was purchased from the Pythian Society, which had owned it since 1910. The property was formerly the site of the Ex-Children's Home, which was founded in 1870.

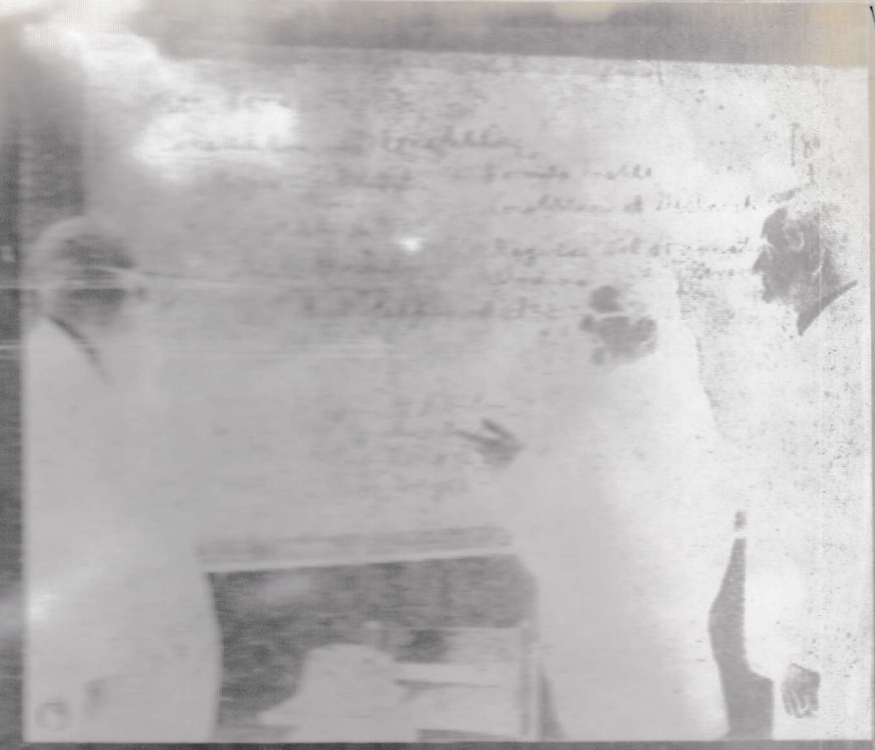
The purchase of the property is a significant step in the Salesian Society's efforts to expand its educational work in the United States. The property will be used as a school for the training of young men for the priesthood. The property was purchased from the Pythian Society, which had owned it since 1910. The property was formerly the site of the Ex-Children's Home, which was founded in 1870.

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Three groups also will join the Salesian Society in the training of young men for the priesthood. The property was purchased from the Pythian Society, which had owned it since 1910. The property was formerly the site of the Ex-Children's Home, which was founded in 1870.

The Decatur House, the bishop said, will be used for the final year of Jesuit training, called the novitiate, which culminates 11 years of philosophical and theological training adopted by the Society of Jesus. This specialized training prepares the Jesuit for his subsequent apostolic work with men. The final year of novitiate training is the final year of the novitiate.

The Decatur House, founded by St. Ignace Loyola in the 16th century, contains over 25,000 members. The property was purchased from the Pythian Society, which had owned it since 1910. The property was formerly the site of the Ex-Children's Home, which was founded in 1870.



Staff photo by Bob Strongman

Final Words

Final words from the building as he turned St. Joseph's Hall with purchase by Rev. Charles T. Hunter, left, and Archie Cremeens, right, and

teacher Lew Hogan, left. Father Hunter will return to university teaching.

St. Joseph's Hall Sold for \$400,000

3rd, Oct. 11, 1969

By Lawrence Bell
Of the Review
St. Joseph's Hall, for 21 years a Jesuit educational retreat house in Decatur, was sold today to Archie B. Cremeens for more than \$400,000.
Its educational focus will be renewed by Cremeens, who plans to convert the four-story brick and masonry building to a self-contained training center

for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.
"Not to religious purposes, I can think of no finer future for the building than to aid in building lives by going out through the vocational program," said Rev. Charles T. Hunter, S.J., master of the institution.
The property includes about 20 acres of wooded parkland, part of a 100-acre tract.

structure, there are two accessory buildings on the grounds, one a detached boiler unit which includes two floors of storage, and the second a carriage house.
Cremeens said the cost of remodeling the building cannot be fully estimated yet until the contractor, L. E. Devore Co., has completed plans.
No major work is expected to be necessary however. "The building is remarkably well adapted to our purposes just as it stands," Cremeens said.

Air Collision Fatal to 12

Saigon (AP)
Two U.S. Marine helicopters collided in the air today and crashed, killing all 12 persons aboard, the U.S. Command reported.
Officials said the accident involved two helicopters engaged in troop support missions near Hill 52, a Marine fire base 25 miles southwest of Da Nang.

The building's basement and first floor have available 10 classrooms, a library, two recreational rooms, complete kitchen and dining room, a barber shop, tailor shop, reading room and office.
The main building has more than 30,000 square feet of usable space, according to Lew Hogan, teacher, who handled the sale for the Missouri Province of the Society of Jesus.
Cremeens, who will begin modernization work in the structure as soon as plans are finished, said the replacement value of the building, erected in 1919, is estimated at over \$4 million.

The sale price, which Hogan said was near the listed \$475,000, includes many of the remaining furnishings of the hall — classroom desks and chairs, kitchen appliances, beds, chests of drawers, and office furniture.
When ready for operation, the new five-story vocational school will be home to about 200 young men in their late teens and twenties.
The plan has the full cooperation of the Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Cremeens said. He is hopeful that the Decatur program will be stimulated by the new

The capacity of the hall for expansion is a bonus for the future, Cremeens said. Its present advantages are the "room for living" which the property provide.
Cremeens plans athletic fields, indoor gym areas craft and hobby shops as well as the classroom and living quarters for the students.
The building will be staffed initially by about 10 persons, including house parents and domestic help.
The target date for occupying the facility is Jan. 6.
Cremeens foresees the school becoming a center for vocational training programs, because of its centralizing of functions.
"I don't believe there will be a finer facility in the state," he said. Cremeens, who operates Archie's Garage as a training center in mechanical skills, has been working with the rehabilitation program for 10 years.
Father Hunter and two other priests are the only persons left at St. Joseph's Hall. They plan to complete disposition of religious furnishings and finish their own moving arrangements within the next month.

St. Joseph's Hall to Be Training Center

Oct. 12,
1968

St. Joseph's Hall, for 21 years a quiet educational retreat house in Decatur, was sold Friday to Northwestern for \$1,000,000.

The educational focus will be changed by Northwestern, who plans to convert the four-story brick and masonry building to a university building.

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Decatur
Review

Renovation Planned 6/11/75

Northpark residential facility, 2601 N. Union St., is planning extensive renovation in conjunction with its recently approved status as an intermediate care facility.

Work will include development of four nurses' stations, new furnishings and changes to meet fire standards.

Northpark was formerly Cremeens Manor, a shelter care facility. It currently houses about 125 persons.

Northpark administrator John Brinkoetter said the facility's population will include fewer mental health patients and more geriatric clients in the future.

In conjunction with its inter-

mediate care status and new services, rates will be higher in the facility.

Changing federal and state regulations have forced shelter care facilities throughout the state to upgrade to intermediate care status or discontinue operation.

Other facilities in Decatur are being reviewed and are expected to announce future plans.

Brinkoetter said Northpark has been given two years to comply with the new regulations.

The facility is owned by Contemporary Properties, Inc.

Report Finds Care Deficiencies; Allen May Have Over-Reacted

By Judy Tatham

A state investigative commission report has established that many allegations made recently by City Manager Leslie T. Allen regarding deficiencies in some local residential facilities were based on fact.

At the same time, the commission concluded that Allen may have over-reacted some in his sweeping condemnation of the operation and management of the residential care facilities involved.

State Rep. Rolland F. Tipword Friday released the report conducted by the Illinois Legislative Investigating Commission. Tipword asked for the review in response to complaints made by Allen.

In calling for the investigation April 24, Allen specifically cited Creative Care Facility, 820 W. North St., Cremeens Manor, 2601 N. Union St., (now known as Northpark Center) and Parkview Shelter Care Center, 2175 E. Pershing Rd.

Each facility was visited and the investigative report concludes, "Criminal activities of residents were confirmed by police reports.

"Employees of these facilities openly admitted that supervision and monitoring of their residents were deficient in some respects, as indicated by the frequency of 'walk-away' residents and their being a 'nuisance' to Decatur's citizenry."

However, the report notes such deficiencies in monitoring were not limited solely to the facilities.

"In particular, questions arose as to the efficacy and propriety of placement procedures and follow-up policies practiced by the Illinois Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities and the Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation."

Specific findings in each facility are the following:

Northpark — confirmation that in several instances residents created a "nuisance" for local citizens and created apprehension.

The report notes the instance of an 8-year-old girl being raped by a resident of a housing unit in Northpark was the "incident which triggered Allen's condemnation of all residential care facilities in Decatur.

"The responsibility for supervision of this individual rested with the Decatur Evaluation Center, not the Cremeens Manor (Northpark) personnel," the report concludes.

Decatur Evaluation Center is a unit of the Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Creative Care Community Living Facility — "Allen's criticism of Creative Care centered primarily on the reported criminal activity of its residents."

The report attributes much of the facility's adverse publicity to a housing unit of the Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation which formerly was located in the same block.

"Local citizens were apprehensive about the neighborhood being inundated with the mentally handicapped," the report notes.

Parkview Shelter Care Home

— Local citizens made numerous complaints concerning activities of residents.

"In discussing these complaints with Parkview's owner and the administrator, they admitted problems in controlling these abnormal behaviors. They also substantiated a supervision problem with 'walk-aways,' residents who if not carefully supervised, will simply wander away from the facility."

The report's conclusion noted that Allen stated during the investigation he may have over-reacted in his sweeping condemnation of the operations and managements of these residential care facilities. "The commission agrees with him and appreciates the circumstances which prompted his protests."

Also, the report summarized, "Individuals with varying backgrounds were inappropriately placed in community settings not capable of providing the degree of supervision required nor having personnel with the requisite training and experience in attending to the needs of these residents.

"Further, the community of Decatur was ill-prepared for the influx of these individuals. The state agencies concerned failed to acquaint the community with potential problems associated with community placement of these individuals,



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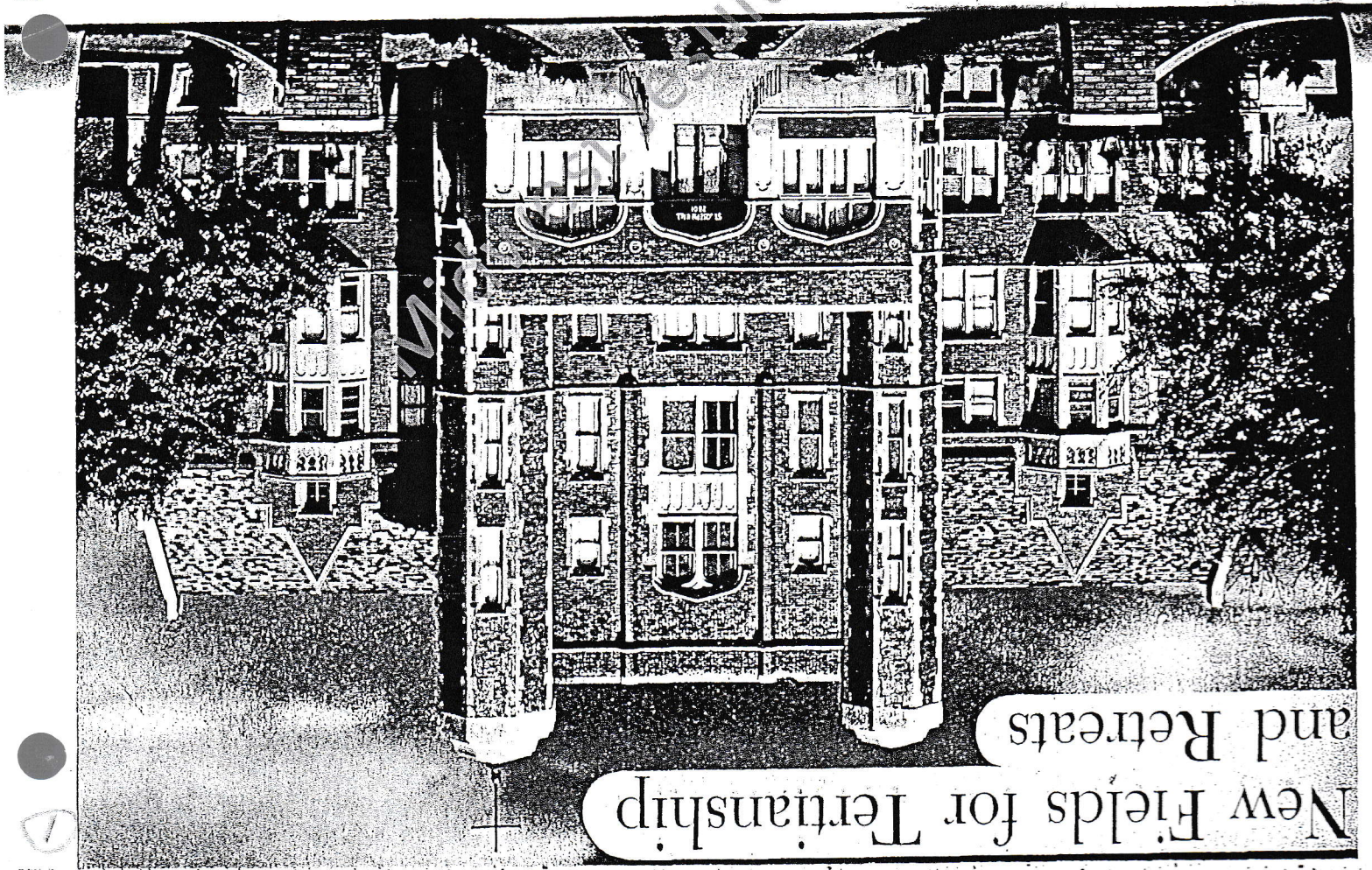
NEW TERTIANSHIP AND RETREAT HOUSE AT DECATUR

St. Joseph's Hall in Decatur, Illinois was officially opened as a tertianship and retreat house for the Missouri Province in the autumn of 1947 when Father Daniel H. Conway was appointed first Rector and Tertian Instructor. The building, erected in 1906, was once a children's home and required much renovation before it was suited for its present purpose. Unable to erect a new building, the Missouri Province, in 1946, purchased and, after careful planning, renovated the home. A number of conditions had to be met. Chief among them were ease of access, size, privacy, and reasonable maintenance expense. Although it proved impossible to find a place which met all these requirements, Decatur was chosen as the best solution to the multiple problem. Included in the purchase were a power plant, stables, other small buildings and about thirty acres of ground including an orchard.

The main building was in poor shape and the roof was especially bad. This called for repairs and the removal of extensive battlements and finials. A new slanting roof of varicolored tile was built, with stone terminals and coping. A stone and copper tower, with copper louvers, was erected, topped by a cross.

A massive old porch offered another difficulty. It needed repair and renovation in order to give the building a warmer appearance. This difficulty was neatly turned into an asset by the absorption of the porch into St. Joseph's Hall. The result: an impressive entrance and two large reception rooms were gained. The old steps were removed, the stone arches were re-

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New Fields for Tertianship
and Retreats

built, and new stone steps with a wrought iron balustrade were constructed. New casement windows with stone sills were installed. All doors leading to the outside were hung to swing out.

Inside, the building was in an even worse condition. Two winding staircases extended through four stories, surrounded by halls and surmounted by a stained glass cupola. This ensemble created a serious fire hazard, wasted space and added much to the cost of maintenance. Furthermore, the building lacked centralized plumbing. Again, a happy solution was found. The stairways were walled in, leaving only one set of stairs and an elevator shaft. Space saved by this reduction of hazard and expense was used to install modern toilets and shower baths on each floor.

Unused Space Utilized

Kitchen and dining room were far larger than the needs of the new community, and they were also found to be in need of renovation. The entire space they occupied was converted into seventeen private rooms. Kitchen, storeroom, and dining room were constructed in part of the unused semibasement. Here also the library, two recreation rooms, and several large storerooms were placed.

Treatment of the refectory, which is air-conditioned, is unusually interesting. False walls at both ends, the use of the existing outside windows for light and those inside for decoration with religious themes, all added to its usefulness. It has fluorescent lighting, a sound-proof ceiling, Tennessee marble columns and a terrazzo floor. Emil Frei of St. Louis decorated the windows by air brush. On one side they deal with the blessed Sacrament, on the other with the miracles of our Lord.

The Chapels and Other Rooms

Sixteen side altars are a feature of the chapel which, like the refectory, is air-conditioned. Formerly this was the auditorium of the children's home. It seats eighty and contains a reed organ, electrically con-

trolled and activated. Individual lights are available for the use of those who like to read in chapel and yet do not wish to switch on the large overhead lights. Woodwork in the chapel is antique oak. The pleasant effect is produced by a warm beige tone on walls and ceiling. Pinpoint lighting is concealed in the ceiling, and in addition, each altar is lighted above by fluorescent tubes.

Carl Mose, a St. Louis sculptor, executed the central figure of the main altar, a crucifix four and a half feet in height, with a green-bronze corpus. Floors of the chapel are mottled red rubber tile.

Basement corridor floors are terrazzo throughout; that of the kitchen is quarry tile. This room is connected by a tunnel to a power house sixty feet away. It also has a booster hot water heater for kitchen use only. This makes possible a saving both in cost and damage by keeping the temperature of hot water at a much lower degree through the building. Two boilers are in the power plant which has a storage capacity of 25,000 gallons of oil.

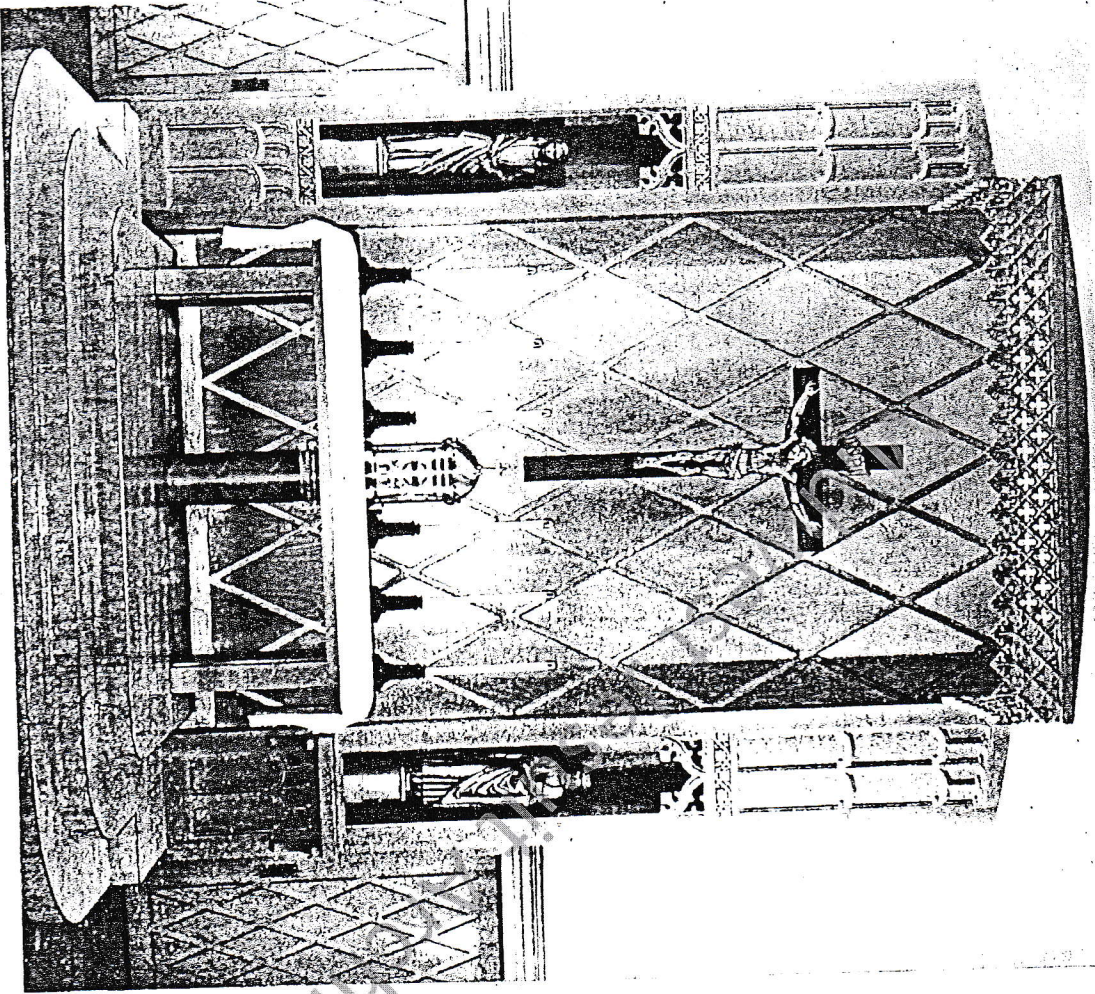
Fireproofing was not a problem in the renovation of St. Joseph's Hall because the original construction of the building was brick and reinforced concrete and steel with reinforced concrete over it. For the most part the floors are of either concrete or fireproof construction, although maple flooring was used over concrete in some instances. Double-acting doors were added in a number of places to reduce drafts over large areas and to lessen the damage by flash fires which may occur even in a presumably fireproof structure. The entire plant was completely rewired.

Most of the year at St. Joseph's Hall is devoted to week-end retreats for laymen, except at such times as the whole house must be devoted to the activities of the tertianship. Normally about eighteen retreatants a week are accommodated at St. Joseph's Hall. They come, for the most part, from the dioceses of Peoria and Springfield in central Illinois. The entire hall, however, is devoted to retreat work during the Lenten sea-

son, when the Tertian Fathers are sent elsewhere for ministerial works. Then the number of retreatants is fifty-three a week.

Retreat facilities are also made available to priests. The demand has grown to the extent that two entire months, June and July, are devoted exclusively to priests' retreats. The retreatants also come from the two dioceses mentioned.

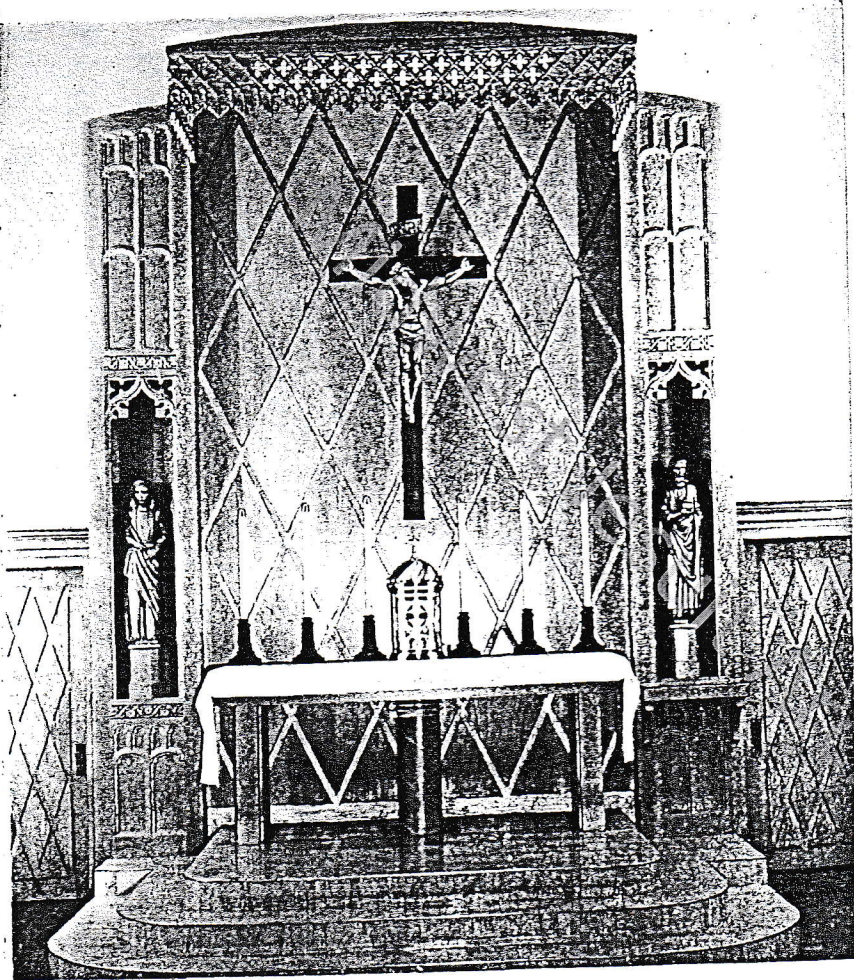
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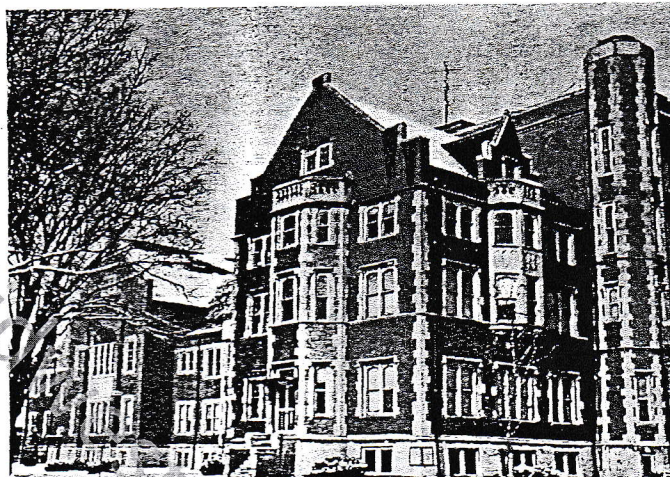
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St. Joseph Hall
Jesuit Tertianship
and Retreat House
at Decatur, Illinois.

The School of the

by Eugene J. Jakubek, S.J.*

"What, *another* year of school?" That's what we Jesuits hear when we explain that "there's still one more year after theology." It seems long enough that we should go through a fourteen-year course of novitiate, juniorate, philosophy, teaching, and theology without adding this final year of "tertianship." Why the importance of this "extra" year of training anyway? Simply, because St. Ignatius and experience have found it indispensable. After the long years of training the mind, we Jesuits need a special time to train the heart. After all, we are Jesuit *priests*, and a priest realizes how much he needs a trained heart as well as a head to love and follow Christ his Leader, and to help other souls do the same. So there is the tertianship, a school for the heart.

But why the strange name "tertianship"? Because "tertian" means "third" and this is the third period of spiritual training for us. The first came that first week of "probation" before we received our cassocks. Then the second

period when we were novices for two years, devoting ourselves to prayer, spiritual reading and humble, obedient service in routine jobs—all to prepare ourselves for those all-important vows (poverty, chastity, obedience) and the virtues we need to love and to live the Rule of the Society. This is to be our life: following Christ as we see and hear Him in our rules.

And now, after years of more active, less intensely spiritual work of studying, teaching, coaching, we come to this third period of silence, prayer, recollection. This is something like finishing where we began. But it's only "something" like it, because we've changed through the years. We have grown (all ways) and matured. Now the spiritual training we are getting under the guidance of an understanding, experienced "Fr. Instructor" is something like post-graduate work compared to undergraduate work when we began. This is something like a spiritual refinement. Now we go through our routine day (much like the novitiate's) as *men*, with a mature Jesuit's approach to each hour of prayer, spiritual reading and humble, obedient jobs. Now we see more clearly

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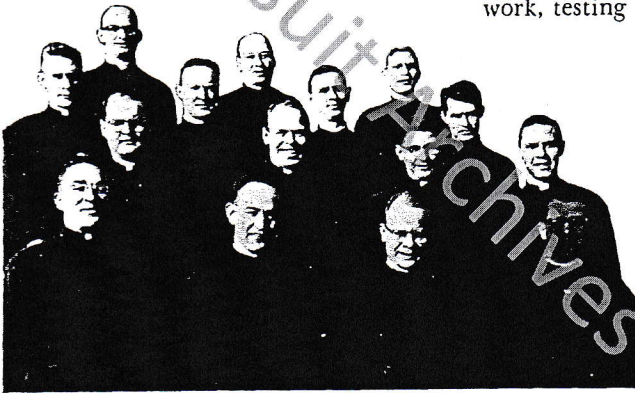
the "why" of what we do. Fourteen years can teach you a lot.

And so today twenty-five of us young priests (sixteen from the Wisconsin province) are spending ten months of prayerful thought and thoughtful prayer here at St. Joseph Hall. We have a wonderful spot for this year's work. We are on the northern limits of Decatur, with modern, spacious living quarters, and more spacious grounds (thirty-seven acres) to help us in this important work.

And what precisely is the work of this year? It's to give ourselves completely to studying and contemplating Christ and the Society's service to

rection of Fr. Instructor. What a difference between this retreat and that of the novitiate! Here we could call upon our years in the Society to know exactly what we needed for the years ahead. We realized this retreat would reshape our whole future (the Exercises are intended to do that)—and how we prayed it would be completely according to the mind and heart of Christ.

And now and then (especially at Christmastime) we get a taste of the active apostolate by helping at nearby parishes with confessions, Masses and sermons. Also, each of us gets his turn at two weeks of hospital chaplain duty (in Decatur or St. Louis). Some of us give a retreat or two to laymen who come here on weekends to take advantage of this home of peace for retreats. Then all of Lent we are out "in the field," doing various kinds of apostolic work, testing our principles in action.



Wisconsin Province Tertian Fathers (left to right) Fourth row: J. P. Raynor, E. A. Larkin, W. J. Dressel; Third: W. H. Halloran, J. F. Snyder, R. J. Eglsaer, W. J. Kelly; Second: R. V. Callen, E. J. Jakubek, R. D. Crozier, R. G. Gassert; First: J. E. Rohrer, C. M. Wagener, F. G. Ziegler, E. S. Sthokal; Missing from picture: H. E. Kalb.

Christ, so that we might perfect our own love, devotedness and zeal for Him and His Church—and all to be able to spend ourselves unreservedly in bringing souls deeper peace and happiness and holiness, closer to the great, loving Heart of Christ.

After a few weeks of catching our breath in this rare atmosphere, we began the year's work with another Long Retreat (we had made one at the beginning of our novitiate). For thirty days (and several nights) we put ourselves through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, under the capable di-

And finally we return here after Lent to check on what we still have to put into our lives to make us the Christlike Jesuits all of us want to be. In May we give ourselves (for the first time) our annual eight-day retreat, and then we leave (June 2) to give our first eight-day retreat to other religious sometime in the summer.

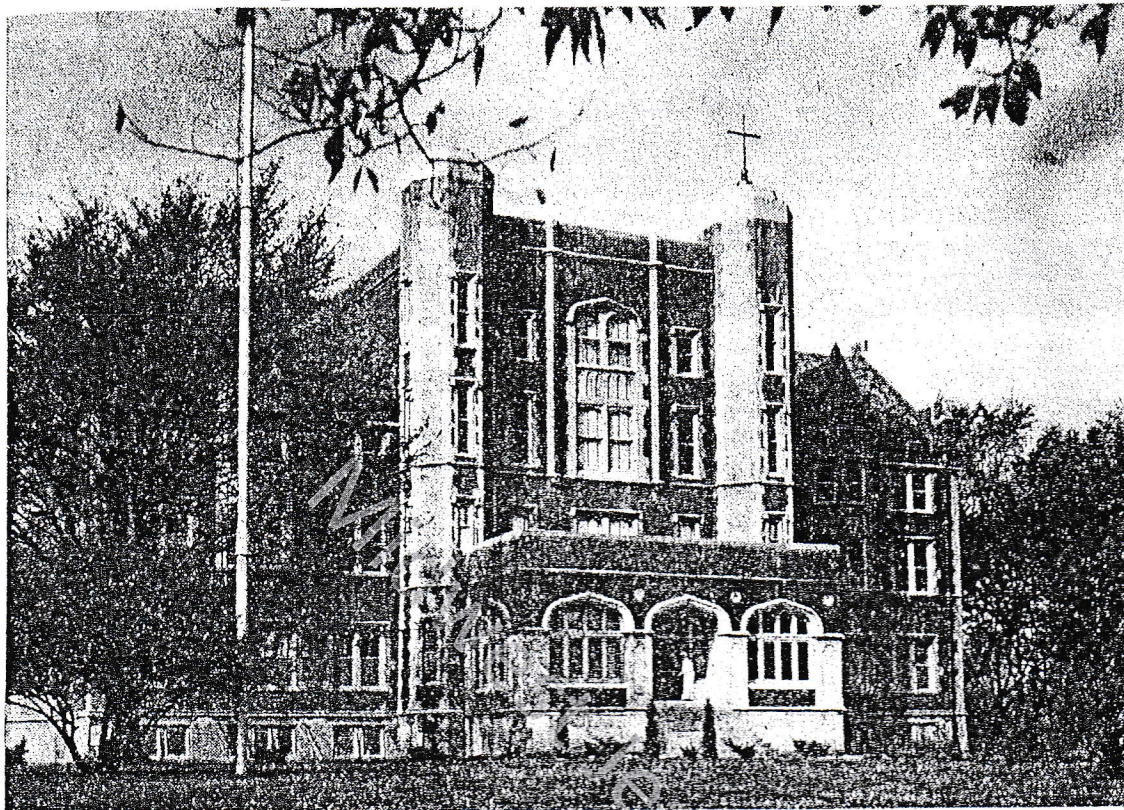
And so we finish our fifteen years of training. It's a long time to train the heart and the mind, but it's not too long when we realize that becoming a true Jesuit ("like Jesus") is the work, not of fifteen years, but of a lifetime.

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Tertian Training Program is Getting Underway at St. Joseph Hall

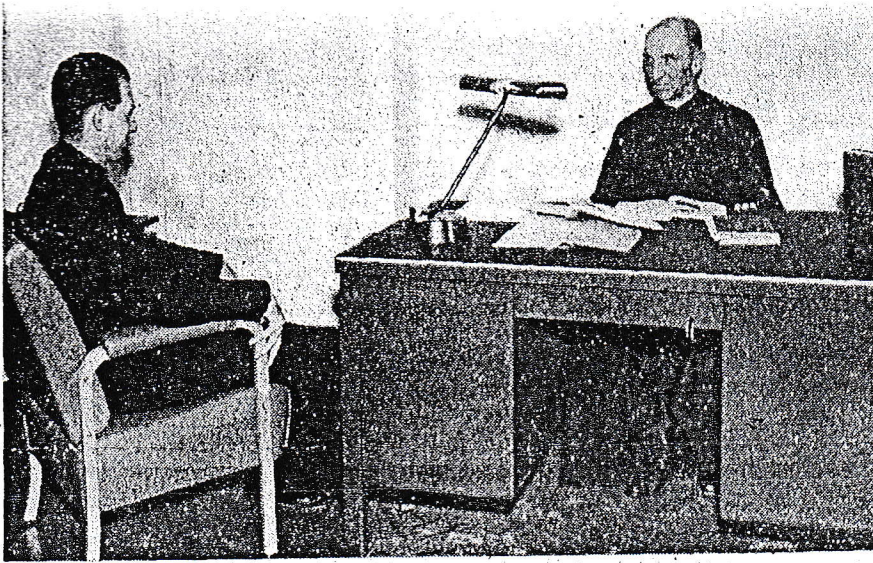
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The tertian training program has been started at St. Joseph hall; the former Pythian children's home north of the city. Thirty-two young priests are training in the first group.



During free periods in their busy routine, the young priests relax in the recreation room, where they read magazines, play the piano and sing, or chat while lounging in the rustic chairs.



Rev. Daniel H. Conway, S. J., rector and tertian-master, confers in his office with Fr. Francis Wallace (left) one of the students.

Daily Routine For Tertians

The 32 priests in training at St. Joseph hall, religious community and retreat house north of the city, have entered on the daily order of their tertianship.

They are to spend a year in prayer and quiet religious study, which will complete their preparation for service as priests at Catholic schools and hospitals and as teachers in parochial schools.

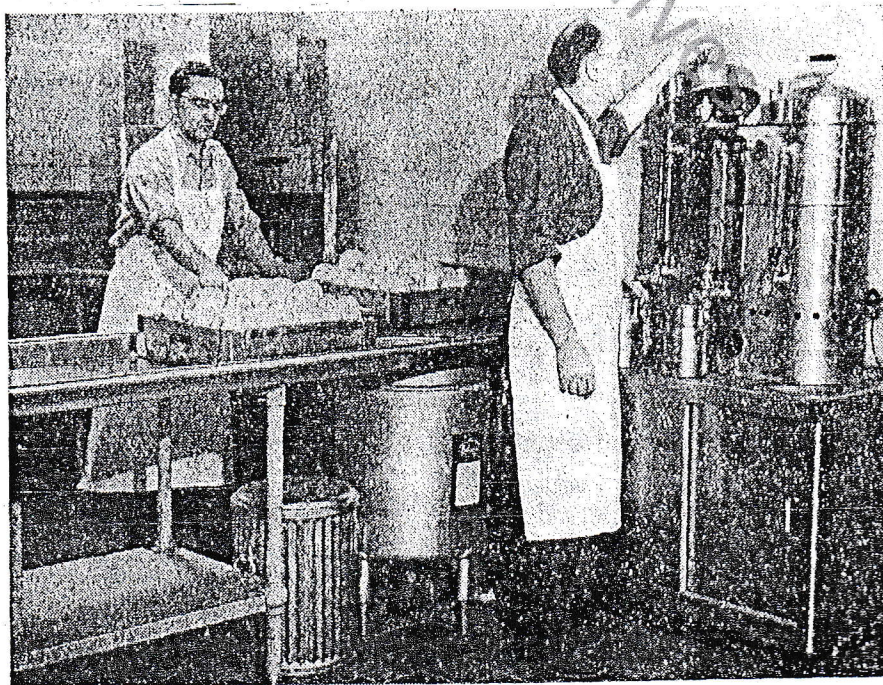
The hall, the former Pythian home, was blessed Thursday by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James A. Griffin, bishop of the Springfield diocese, after Bishop Griffin had officiated at a pontifical high mass at the institution, attended by visiting members of the Catholic clergy.

The following routine for the student priests, or daily order of tertianship, has been announced:

- 5:00 Rising
 - 5:30 Mental prayer
 - 6:30 Holy mass
 - 7:15 Breakfast
 - 7:30 Divine office (Prayers from the Psalms of David)
 - 8:00 Preparation for retreat work
 - 10:00 Lecture
 - 11:00 Free time
 - 11:15 Spiritual reading
 - 11:45 Examination of conscience
 - 12:00 Dinner
 - 12:45 Recreation
 - 1:15 Free time, divine office
 - 2:30 Psychology of retreat work
 - 3:30 Conference
 - 4:00 Outdoor recreation
 - 4:55 Divine office and lives of the saints
 - 5:45 Reading from Thomas a' Kempis and preparation for evening prayer
 - 6:00 Evening prayer
 - 6:30 Supper
 - 7:00 Recreation
 - 7:45 Study of the constitutions of the Society of Jesus
 - 8:45 Evening prayer
 - 9:00 Preparation for morning prayer
 - 9:15 Examination of conscience
 - 10:00 Retire
- On Thursdays and Sundays there's a varied program partly recreational.

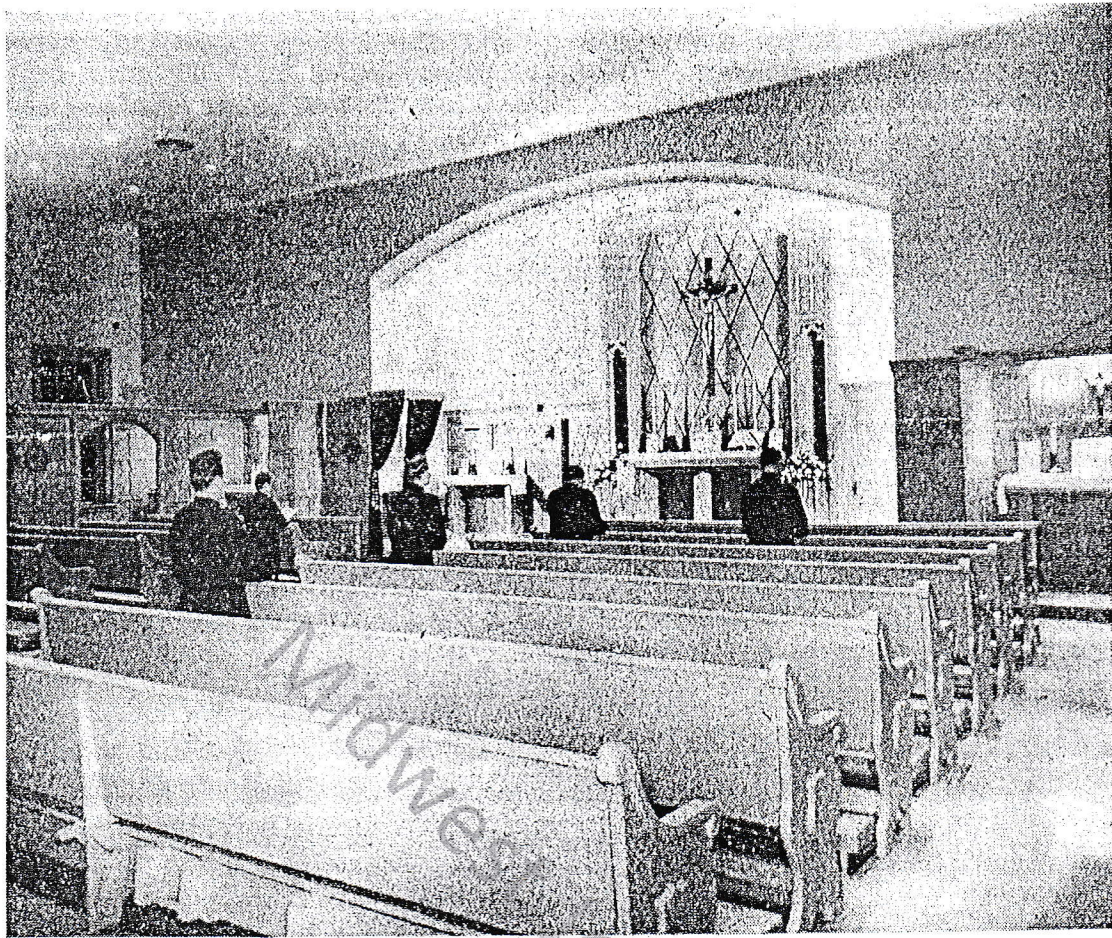


This is one of the rooms in the bishop's suite at St. Joseph hall. The rooms are to be used by visiting bishops and other dignitaries.

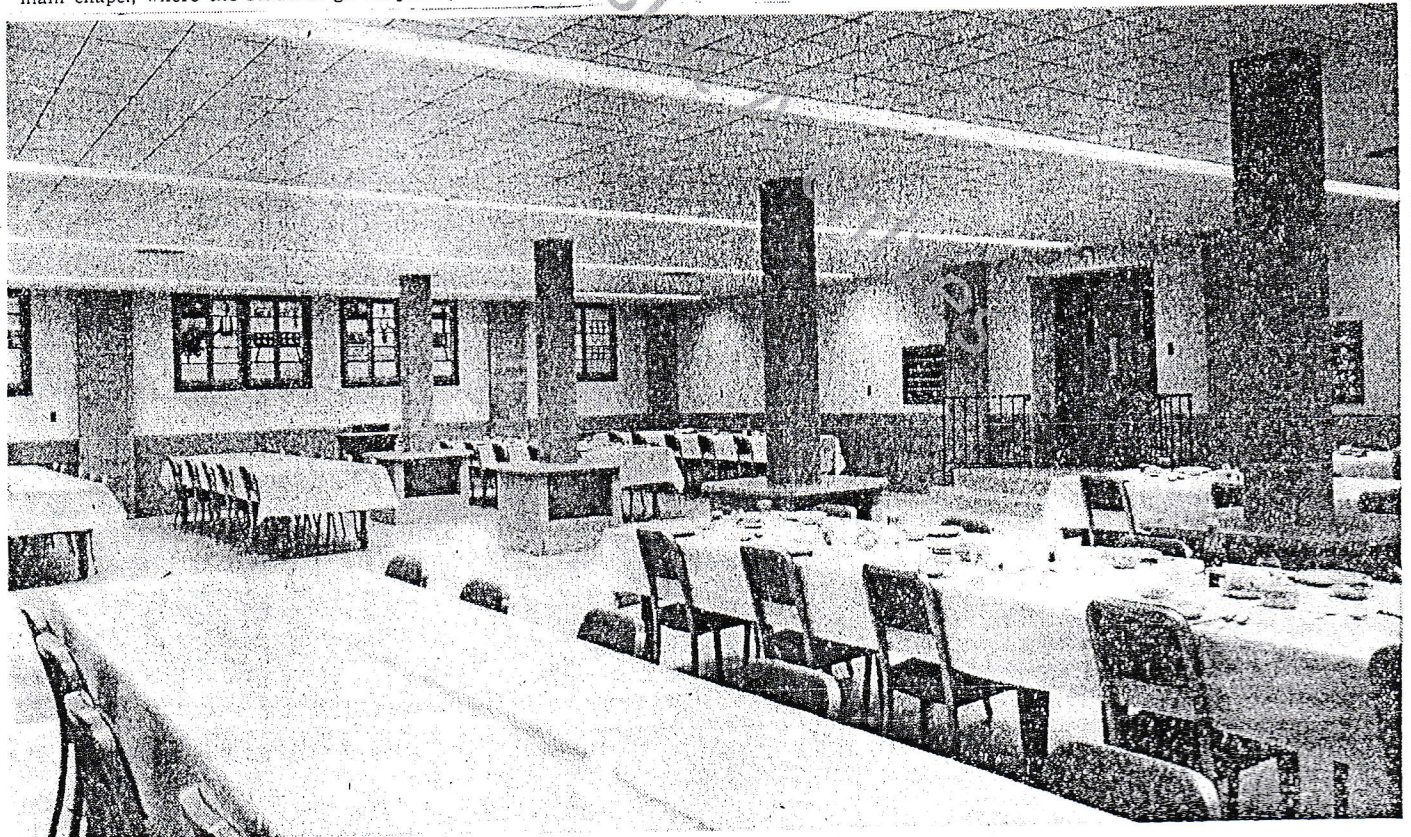


The very modern kitchen is in charge of Brothers Martin Buscher, left, and Walter Winkler, who has been given the position of chief cook.

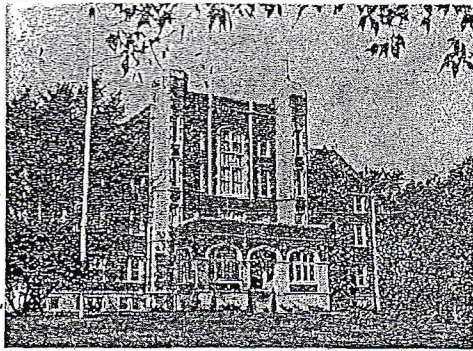
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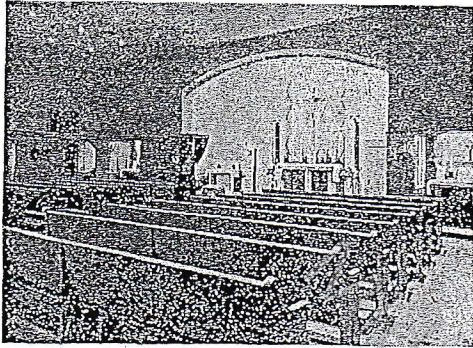
Simplicity marks the finish and equipment of the main chapel, where the students go frequently for meditation and prayer. The main altar is shown in center background. There are other smaller altars.



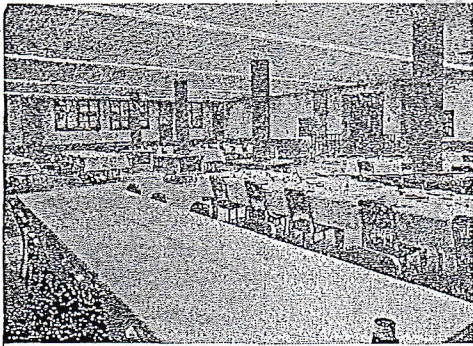
The large dining hall is newly equipped, with neat long tables, and upholstered metal chairs. It will be used regularly by the students and faculty, and is sufficiently commodious to serve as a banquet hall on special occasions. (Herald and Review Photos)



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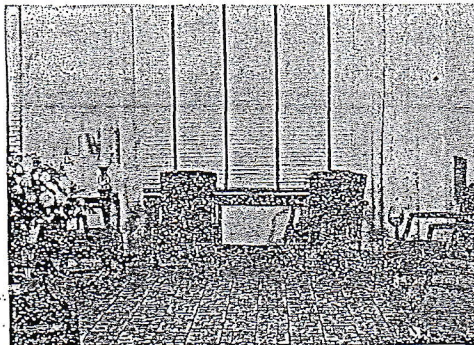
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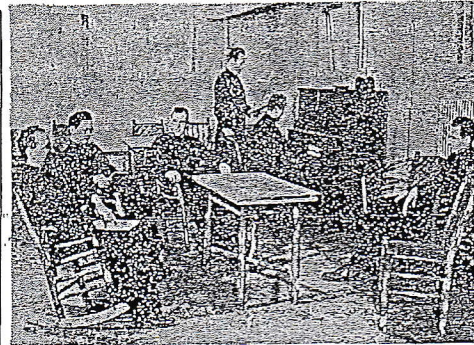
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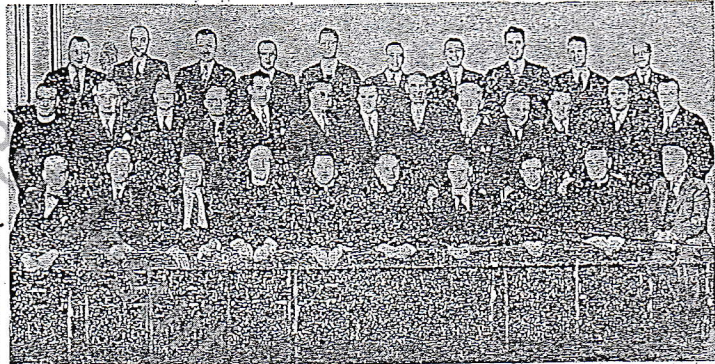
Views Of Springfield Diocesan Retreat House St. Joseph-Hall Decatur, Instituted By Bishop James A. Griffin And Conducted By The Jesuit Fathers. Retreats For Laymen And Priests Are Conducted Here.

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RECREATION ROOM

Springfield Deanery Group



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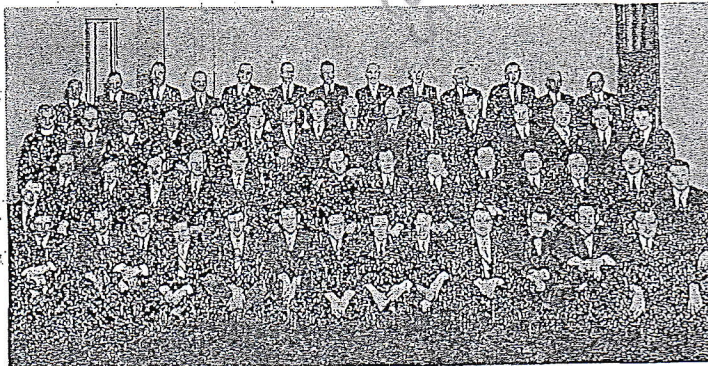
Mgr. A. E. Giusti, Joseph Glynn, Rev. Richard Jones, S.J., Rev. Francis Hogan, William D. Rose.

Lawrence Cooney, Dr. Robert C. Fults, George Dirksen (retreat captain).

Back row: Raymond May, L. G. Barthshof, Mr. Stanton, George Reich, William M. Cox, Herman Bierbaum, George Gietl, Tony Manuele, Frank Cadigan, Thomas Carberry.

Front row: A. H. Newport Jones, John Dineen, Justin Wochner, Rev. L. G. Kipping, Rev. J. J. Haggerty,

Decatur Deanery Group



The men in the above group from Decatur deanery made their retreat at St. Joseph's Hall, Decatur, Feb. 12-16. They are, left to right: Back row (standing): Messrs. A. C. Moran, Sr., Mattingly, Latendresse, Rademacher, Zimmerman, Finin, Reilly, B. Galiker, Donovan, Walker, Keedy, Weber, Wagner.

1st row: Messrs. Fitzgerald, Smith, Boland, Duggan, O'Neill, Flessner, Ireland, Pirano, G. Moran, Schuerman, McGrath, McRoberts, S. Galiker, W. Tueth, C. Tueth.

William N. Thomas, Chief of Navy Chaplains, Senator Herbert R. O'Connor of Maryland and Rear Admiral James L. Holloway, Jr., Naval Academy superintendent.

Third row (standing): Fr. Monarque, Messrs. Messrs. Nelson, Collins, McManava, Kikola, Dr. Vidoli, Tauber, Hunt, Armbruster, Hillyer, Brink, Yonkers, Howley, Nelefski, Layton.

Bishop Arnold Presides At Naval Academy Mass

Annapolis, Md., Mar. 1 (NC)—Bishop William R. Arnold, Military Delegate, presided at a Solemn Mass in the Naval Academy chapel here at which some 600 Catholic midshipmen were in attendance.

800 Germans To Join In Lourdes Peace Pilgrimage

Paris, Mar. 1—(NC)—Eight hundred Germans are expected to take part in a pilgrimage for peace to the shrine at Lourdes organized by the movement known as Pax Christi; it has been announced here. The pilgrimage will take place toward the end of July.

2nd row (seated): Messrs. Spaeth, T. Byrne, Lofy, Wayne, Hayes (Retreat Captain), Fr. Conway, Fr. Hamilton, F. Moran, Lenihan, Plummer, Majnarich, Martin, J. Byrne.

Celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. Stanley Driscoll, pastor of St. Mary's church here. Others attending were: Rear Admiral

Thought you might be interested in the "Pax Christi" return 4/23/48

Simplicity of Priests' Hall Is Impressive At Open House

Simplicity and good taste of the remodeled interior and the new furnishings in St. Joseph's hall impressed visitors during the open house inspection held there yesterday afternoon.

The large room that houses the chapel on the second floor has a high ceiling with frosted glass bulbs sunk into it to provide soft lighting. The altar, less lavish than most, is set off by the large wooden crucifix. The figure of Christ on the cross was sculptured by Carl Mose of St. Louis.

The chapel is flanked by small cubits that will serve as rooms where priests can retire for prayer in solitude and as confessionals. Mass will be held every morning in the chapel, which is also equipped with a small electric organ.

THE BUILDING has a music room which is located on the first floor. It also has several lounges on this floor. The director of the school will make his quarters on the first floor. The dining hall is located in the basement. Most of the building is allotted to rooms for the young priests who will take the advanced training of the order.

The building is equipped to accommodate 74 persons.

Rev. Fr. D. A. Conway, former rector of St. Mary's college, in St. Mary's, Kansas, who will head the new school, Very Rev. Joseph Zuercher, provincial of the Missouri province, and Rev. Fr. Peter A. Brooks, president of Marquette university, Milwaukee, were present for a short time in the early afternoon, having an appointment to fill in St. Louis.

The new school is one of six such schools in the United States. It is dedicated in honor of St. Joseph, and will be officially dedicated on Nov. 6.

THE TERTIANSHIP will open with 30 days of solitude and prayer in accordance with the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius. The young priests will study the rules and constitutions of the Jesuit order.

During Lent the students will act as hospital chaplains, will assist in parish work and will act as preachers and confessors. Much time will

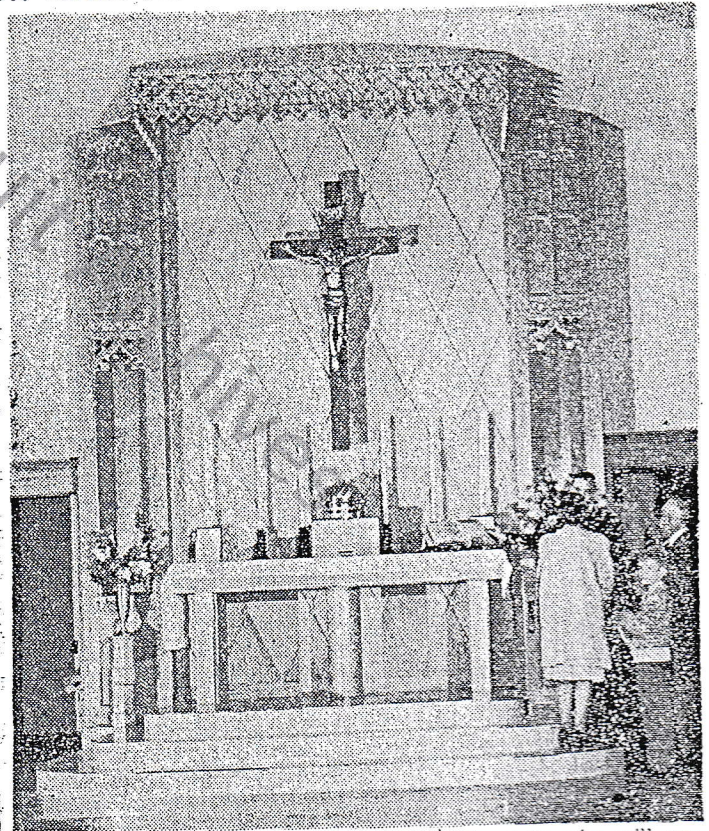
be spent in checking theory with practise, and in ironing out difficulties and shortcomings.

It was pointed out by members of the order that priests who come to the new school will have already undergone 14 years of rigorous intellectual and spiritual training prior to having been assigned to the tertianship.

THE SOCIETY of Jesus is primarily a missionary order at home and abroad, under special obedience to the Holy See. In the field of education in the U. S. the Jesuits staff 64 high schools, colleges, and universities. Further, nearly 800 American Jesuits staff home and foreign missions with their churches, social works, schools, and other apostolic activities.

The young priests will undergo some study of the classics, some manual labor, and recreation periods. In keeping with the precepts of the order they must take the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. The order is dependent on donations for its funds.

ST. LOUIS PRIEST SHOWS ALTAR

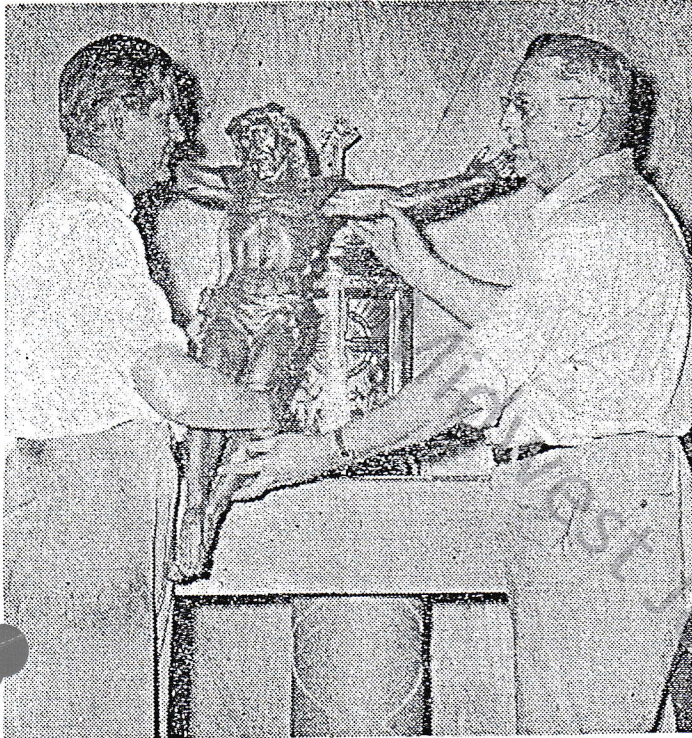


Rev. Fr. W. V. Stauder, S. J., visiting priest from St. Louis university, and formerly a resident of Decatur, shows visitors the altar of the new chapel in the St. Joseph's hall, which is to

house 42 priests who will undergo final post-ordination before being assigned as teachers in high schools, colleges and universities.

(Herald-Review photo)

AT ST. JOSEPH'S HALL



Statuary for St. Joseph's hall, new school for the training of Catholic priests here, has been sculptored by Carl Mose, left, of St. Louis, shown with one of the figures. With him is Rev.

Fr. E. R. Erbacher, S. J., St. Louis, province procurator who is overseeing the work of remodeling the former Pythian Children's home north of the city.



This is one of the study rooms, showing the furnishings. The \$250,000 remodeling job in-

cluded partitioning off and equipping rooms to accommodate 74 students.

Hold Open House Today At New Priests' School

St. Joseph's hall, the new school for Catholic priests, will be open for public inspection from 2 to 5 p. m. today.

The new hall, post-ordination school for priests of the Society of Jesus, is the former Pythian home located at 2601 North Union street.

The 42 priests who will take their final training here before being assigned to staffs of high schools, colleges and universities in the Missouri province, will move into the new hall next Saturday.

THE NEW HALL WILL be officially dedicated with a pontifical mass on Nov. 6, officials announced.

Rev. Fr. D. A. Conway, former rector of St. Mary's college in St. Mary's, Kans., will be head of the school and is expected to arrive in Decatur today.

Others to attend the opening of the school will be Very Rev. Joseph Zuercher, provincial of the Missouri province, and Rev. Fr. Peter A. Brooks, president of Marquette university Milwaukee.

The building was bought in May, 1946 and has been completely remodeled at a cost well over \$250,000. Plans were drawn by Architect Leo Daly of Omaha and much of the remodeling work has been done by the Roy Christy Co.

"ALTHOUGH THE building will not be completely finished for the public inspection, we hope that every interested person will visit the new hall today," Rev. Fr. James Meehan of the St. Louis headquarters of the Society of Jesus, said yesterday.

Father Meehan announced that children accompanied by parents

would be welcome, but asked that no children come alone since there is still construction work going on in some parts of the building.

According to a booklet prepared for the opening, the priests who will come to St. Joseph's hall have already undergone 14 years of intellectual and spiritual study and this final training is known as the tertianship.

ST. JOSEPH'S HALL is one of six such schools in the United States.

The tertianship opens with 30 days of solitude and prayer according to the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius. Following the long retreat, the priests study the rules and constitutions of the Jesuit order, devote much time to prayer and spiritual reading, prepare sermons and in a limited way engage in the ministry.

During Lent the tertians undertake field work in all parts of the province acting as hospital chaplains, assisting in parish work and as preachers and confessors.

THE REMAINDER of the time in the school term is spent in checking theory with practise and ironing out difficulties and shortcomings.

The hall has been remodeled to accommodate 74 students and teachers, but the capacity will not be reached until next fall, officials said.

Rev. Fr. E. R. Erbacher, treasurer of the Missouri province, has been in Decatur recently supervising the final work on the school and preparing for the opening.

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CRUCIFIX, STAINED WINDOWS DEDICATED IN JESUIT HALL

A crucifix by Carl Mose, St. Louis sculptor, and 10 stained-glass windows designed by Emil Frei Jr. of St. Louis have been dedicated at St. Joseph Hall, Decatur, Ill., it was announced today by the Missouri Province Educational Institute of the Jesuit order, 4511 West Pine boulevard.

The crucifix, in bronze, is three and a half feet high and has supporting figures of Mary and Joseph in niches. It and eight of the windows are in the chapel. The other two windows are in the refectory. Windows, in duplicate, are in modern, symbolic style and are titled "The Good Shepherd," "Christ the King," "The Crucifixion," "Logos," "The Last Supper" and "The Sermon on the Mount."

St. Joseph Hall trains Tertians, or probationers in their third year, a final period of study and worship before they begin to teach.