

# Rt. Rev. Omer Denis Strittmatter Blessed As Coadjutor Archabbot Friday Morning

### Hastings Native Elevated At Impressive Rites

Time was reversed to the seventh century last Friday when a humble Benedictine monk was enthroned as coadjutor archabbot of St. Vincent Archabbey and College in Latrobe.

Rt. Rev. Denis Omer Strittmatter, Hastings native, was elevated as the spiritual leader of America's oldest Benedictine monastery in rites which began some 1,300 years ago.

And with the installation, the 53-year-old archabbot attained the full powers of his office. The powers—comparable to those of a bishop—were bestowed by the blessing of Coadjutor Bishop John Dearden of the Pittsburgh Diocese.

The colorful pageant attracted nine Bishops, 18 Abbots, 20 monsignors and more than 600 priests and nuns of the Roman Catholic Church to the 103-year-old monastery.

Filled with pride the new archabbot's venerable parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Strittmatter of Hastings, witnessed the impressive ceremony. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last month.

A high winter wind sweeping the campus of the Latrobe school cancelled the outdoor procession of church dignitaries. The procession was held indoors prior to the mass.

Music which was handed down through the centuries was sung as the procession of ecclesiastics wound its way through the halls of the monastery to the sanctuary of the spacious and stately Archabbey Church of St. Vincent. Polyphonic selections from the late Middle Ages featured the processional music.

Gregorian plain chant based on the ancient Greek modes was rendered during the mass.

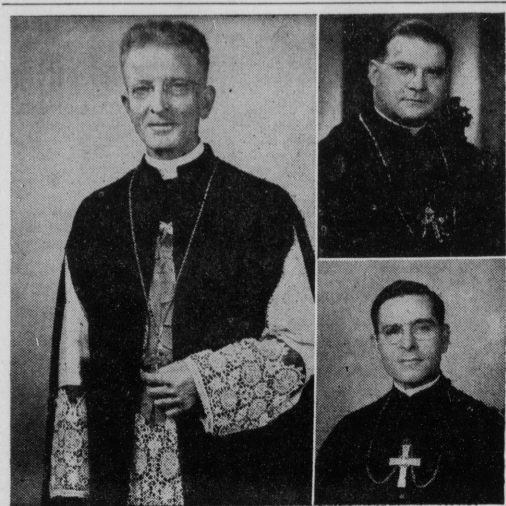
Dressed in black Benedictine habits with white linen surplices the ecclesiastical masters of ceremonies led the procession.

Archabbot Strittmatter was attired in the simple black robe of a Benedictine monk. Two assistant abbots—Rt. Rev. Lawrence Vohs of St. Bede's Abbey, Peru, Ill., and Rt. Rev. Cuthbert McDonald of St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, Kan.—presented Archabbot Strittmatter for the blessing.

Following the new archabbot in the procession were the monks, prelates and bishops. Last came Bishop Hugh C. Boyle, Johnstown native, and head of the Pittsburgh Diocese. Bishop Boyle presided at the ritual.

Bishop Dearden conferred the solemn abbatial blessing upon Archabbot Denis and presented him with the insignia of his office—mitre, crozier (staff), ring and pectoral cross—during the mass.

Following his enthronement, he walked down the center aisle of the church, carrying his crozier in his left hand and blessing the



At the left is Coadjutor Archabbot Denis Omer Strittmatter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Strittmatter of Hastings. At top right is Rt. Rev. Lawrence Vohs of St. Bede's Abbey, Peru, Ill., and at lower right is Rt. Rev. Cuthbert McDonald of St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, Kan., assistant abbots, who also took part in the ceremony.

congregation with his right hand. Tears of joy trickled down the cheeks of his aged parents, when the archabbot paused at the first seat outside of the sanctuary and there received the homage of more than 200 Benedictines who comprise the community of St. Vincent's.

Returning to the sanctuary, Archabbot Denis resumed his place upon the abbatial throne and there received the homage of more than 200 Benedictines who comprise the community of St. Vincent's.

The new archabbot moved to the middle of the altar and solemnly blessed the congregation. After the blessing, he received the kiss of peace from Bishop Boyle. The ceremonies were conducted upon Archabbot Denis' retirement to his chapel to recite the Gospel of St. John.

The sermon at the mass was delivered by Rt. Rev. Magr. Edward L. Stephens of Alexandria, Va. Magr. Stephens congratulated the monks upon their selection of Archabbot Denis as a spiritual leader.

He lauded the new director of the archabbey and college and termed him "a man of few words and what he lacks in words he compensates for in constructive thinking." The speaker traced the history of the order and noted "... Archabbot Denis may well look out upon a world today that rivals in a more refined and polished manner the debauchery of ancient Greece and of proud and domineering Rome."

The new Archabbot will succeed to the Rt. Rev. Alfred Koch, archabbot of St. Vincent since 1930.

# Betty Marie Bone Weds Ken McLeod

Miss Betty Marie Bone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bone of Barnesboro, became the bride of Ken McLeod of Pinehurst, N. C., on Saturday, Nov. 19. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Ross Ramon of the Presbyterian Church in Jackson Springs, N. C.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mrs. Sarah Aumon was matron of honor. Harold McLeod was his brother's best man. Bridesmaids included Misses Emily McAnulty of Philadelphia, Alice Brooks of New York City, Mary Gardner of Pinehurst, Christine Bliz of New York City and Rosalie Aumon of Seagrove, N. C. Miss Anne Zorbaugh of Plandome, N. Y., was her aunt's junior bridesmaid.

Flower girls were Linda Elison and Christina Gilbert of New York City and Seagrove, nephew of the bride, was ringbearer. Ushers were Theron, Alton and Ruel McLeod, James Bone, brother of the bride.

A reception at the Moore County Nurses Home in Pinehurst followed the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of New York University and New York Hospital School of Nursing. She is a nurse at the Pinehurst Hospital. Her husband attended the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts at Raleigh. After a honeymoon trip to Florida, the newlyweds will reside in Pinehurst.

# Phone Call to State Police Will Obtain Road Conditions

### Teletype Broadcasts To Be Made Twice Daily

State and municipal police stations which are equipped with a teletype will again receive reports of winter road conditions when the weather warrants it.

Regular teletype broadcasts are to be made prior to 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. each day when highway conditions warrant. Emergency information will be transmitted as soon as received.

This service is available to the public and information may be obtained by calling any Pennsylvania State Police or municipal police station equipped with teletype.

Col. C. M. Wilhelm, State Police commissioner, announces that the service, which each winter is made possible through cooperation of State Police, the State Dept. of Highways and the U. S. Weather Bureau detailed service units, will be resumed as soon as there are dangerous highway conditions resulting from ice or snow. Information received from nearby states also will be broadcast over the Pennsylvania teletype network.

The commissioner points out, however, that motorists should drive carefully and be prepared for emergencies as local weather changes may occur suddenly.

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# New Postoffice to Aid Veterans In Contacting Wartime Buddies

### A new postoffice has been opened to help veterans reunite with their wartime friends.

The National Association of Combat Units, composed of 50 divisional associations which contributed \$340 each, has opened a bureau at Ft. McNair, near Washington, D. C. It has a tiny office and a personnel of four.

But Edmund G. Love, newly appointed director, expects that the bureau will expand rapidly once GI's begin writing to contact the pals they swore never to forget.

Thus veterans who haven't seen or heard from friends since 1944 or 1945 may be swapping war stories again.

The plan has the approval of high-ranking army brass, including former Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Jacob L. Devers.

The job of handling mail contracts for former GI pals had been handled previously by the Defense Dept., Veterans Administration and various veterans organizations. But these groups were unable to cope with the approximately 2,000 letters they received weekly, inquiring as to the whereabouts of former soldiers. The new bureau was formed to take over this task, and will keep a list of addresses of former members, now scattered to all parts of the country.

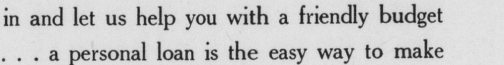
# ORDER NEW LOCOMOTIVES

The Pennsylvania Railroad has placed orders for 226 new diesel-electric locomotives at a cost of about \$38 million, the company announced last week.

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# Marsteller Church Wedding Setting

Miss Tillie Malik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Malik of Marsteller, and Frank J. Rock of Barnesboro were married at 9 a. m. Thanksgiving Day at the Holy Incarnation Catholic Church in Marsteller. Rev. Father John Marnecheck officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Mrs. Carolyn Fudrow, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and Louis Rock, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Miss Stella Rock served as bridesmaid and John Homerski was usher. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

A wedding dinner and reception were held in the church basement. The newlyweds will reside in Barnesboro upon their return from a wedding trip to Buffalo, N. Y., and Canada.

Mrs. Rock, a graduate of Barnesboro High, was employed at the Cambria Mercantile Store in Marsteller. Her husband, also a graduate of Barnesboro High, is a veteran of World War II, having served with the Army in the ETO. He is employed by Sterling Coal Co., Bakerton.

# Patton Sailor One Of Cited Sea Group

Robert J. Dietrick, seaman apprentice, USN, of 208 Linwood Avenue, Patton, has received a "well done" from Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, USN, newly appointed Chief of Naval Operations who was Commander of the Sixth Task Fleet to which the Navy's ship, the destroyer USS Hank, is attached.

Full text of the message from the Navy's CNO to the men who served under him in the Mediterranean follows:

"On detachment after nearly two years initially as Commander, Naval Forces, Mediterranean, and later as Commander, Sixth Task Fleet, I wish to express gratitude to all hands on the efficient manner in which they have always applied themselves to all tasks assigned them and also my pride in their accomplishments and in their standards of loyalty, duty and discipline.

"I am confident that, under your new commander, you will continue as a powerful factor in maintaining the policies and prestige of the United States in the Mediterranean. Well done."

# Gallitzin Couple Wed Thanksgiving

Miss Sue Sekerak, daughter of Mrs. Anna Sekerak of Gallitzin, Pa., and John Gallitzin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Squashic, also of Gallitzin, at a ceremony performed at 9 a. m. Thanksgiving in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Gallitzin, by Rev. Father John Chrace, pastor.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Steven Sekerak, Gallitzin. Miss Ann Kovalick, Pittsburgh, a cousin of the bride, was maid of honor and Miss Dorothy Squashic, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid. Thomas Squashic, brother of the groom, acted as best man with Walter Nigborowicz as usher.

A wedding breakfast at the Squashic home was followed by a reception in St. Michael's Hall at Gallitzin.

The bride is an employee of the Paikish shipyard. The bridegroom is a World War II veteran and an employee of Pennsylvania Railroad Co.

Upon their return from a wedding trip to Washington, D. C., the newlyweds will reside at the home of the bride's mother.

# To Decide On Club License Validity

A Superior Court decision in the next few weeks will decide finally whether private clubs are within the liquor law quota in Pennsylvania.

If the court decides clubs are exempt from quota restrictions there probably will be a flood of applications for liquor or beer licenses.

The question has been argued for years across the state. And judges of various courts split on the issue.

The Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company of Bethlehem, appealed from a Lehigh County Court decision upholding the State Liquor Control Board's refusal to grant a club license.

The board maintains the quota of one liquor license for each 1,000 population had been exceeded in the Eastern Pennsylvania town. The volunteer fire company contends clubs are exempt from quota restrictions.

Many veterans' organizations will be watching the court's decision closely. Numerous new American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts have sprung up since World War II. Many of them have been turned down on their applications for liquor licenses because they are in communities where judges are supporting the liquor board's ruling.

# Mary Ann Gaydos Weds John Kopera

Miss Mary Ann Gaydos of Emmeigh became the bride of John J. Kopera of St. Boniface at a ceremony performed last Thursday at 4 p. m. in St. Boniface Catholic Church by Rev. Father G. Brugger, pastor. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gaydos of Emmeigh, while her husband is a son of Urban J. Kopera Sr. of St. Boniface.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Miss Alice Kopera, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor and John Gaydos, brother of the bride, served as best man. Bridesmaids were Elizabeth Ondeco, Theresa Katovsky, Helen Baron, Marie Janasko, Agnes Kopera and Rose Kopera. Ushers were Joseph Gaydos, George Homady, Albert Homady, John Marusa, Joseph Hovanec and Dan Ott.

Mrs. Kopera attended Cherry Tree High and is employed at the Phillips Jones Corp. plant in Barnesboro. Mr. Kopera, a veteran of World War II, is a senior at Indiana State Teachers College, Indiana. He is a student teacher at Ebensburg-Cambria High, Ebensburg.

A wedding dinner and reception were held in Stardust Ballroom, Emmeigh. The couple will reside in Emmeigh following a short wedding trip.

# Revloc Lady Injured As Head Hits Windshield

Mrs. Ruth N. Novick, 49, Revloc suffered extensive cuts of the face and head and extensive shock last Monday when a car driven by her son, William, and an auto operated by Clair C. Smith, 20, of Ebensburg, R. D. crashed on Route 422 near Ebensburg. The Smith car got out of control and skidded into the path of the Novick machine. Damage was estimated at \$700. Mrs. Novick's head was said to have gone through the windshield when the cars collided.

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