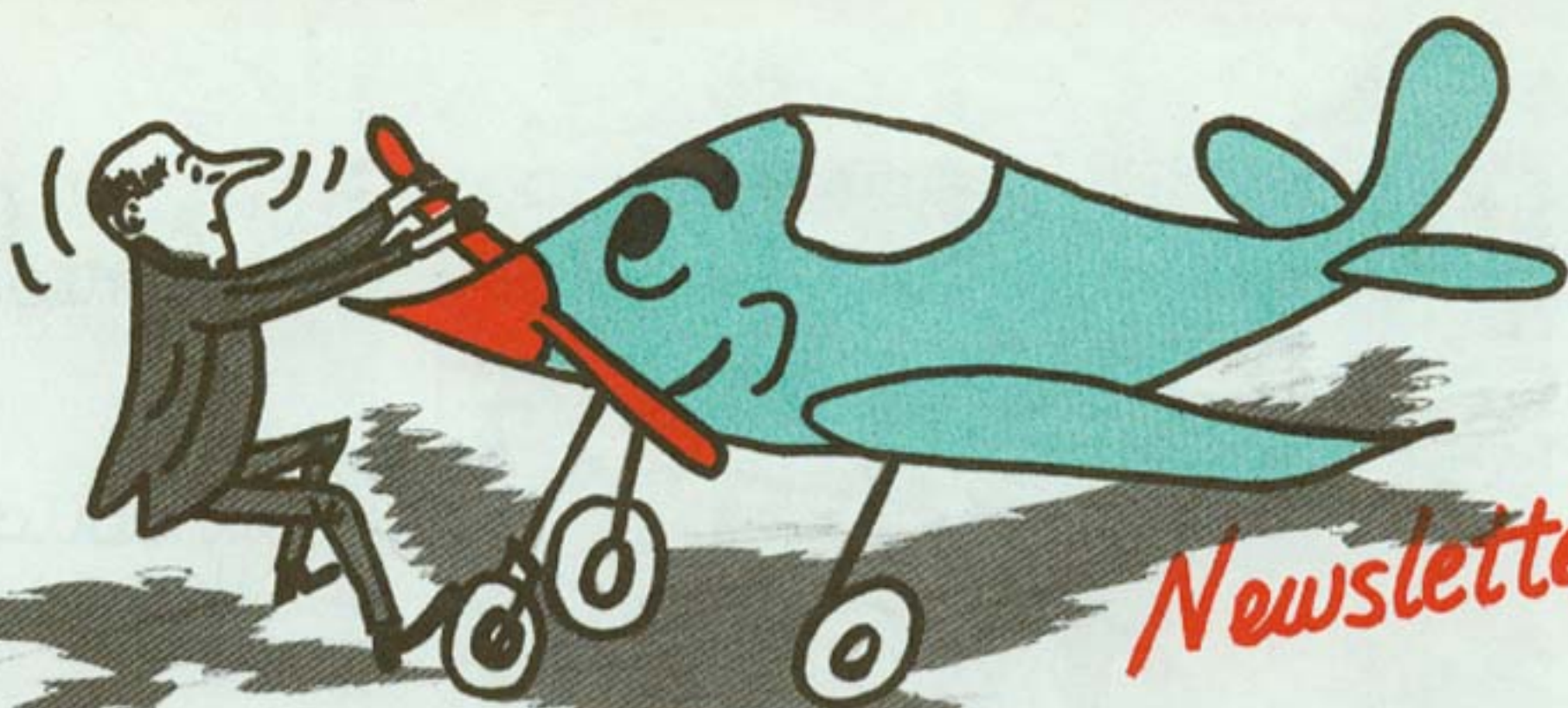


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As Spring comes to this area of the Country and begins to turn things green once again it reminds me that the Convention of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS is rapidly approaching. The newsletters since last August have reminded you that Ames, Iowa is to be the site. The time has arrived to begin to fill in more details as to what will transpire at this year's convention.

I would like to have this year's convention stress the following (in order of importance): 1). Our Priesthood; 2). Our need for improving ourselves as Pilots; 3). Our need for relaxation and enjoyment. To accomplish these objectives the following program has been tentatively set up.

Monday, July 13. Arrival Day. Informal get-to-gether. Meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday evening. BOOZE and SNOOZE day.

Tuesday, July 14. Travel Day. The GROTTO OF THE REDEMPTION in West Bend, Iowa is the world's largest Grotto. We will land at the airport in Algona and be met by the buses from West Bend. At the Grotto we will be the guests of Fr. Louis Greving. Arrangements will be made to have lunch on the grounds. We will be back in Ames for the evening meal.

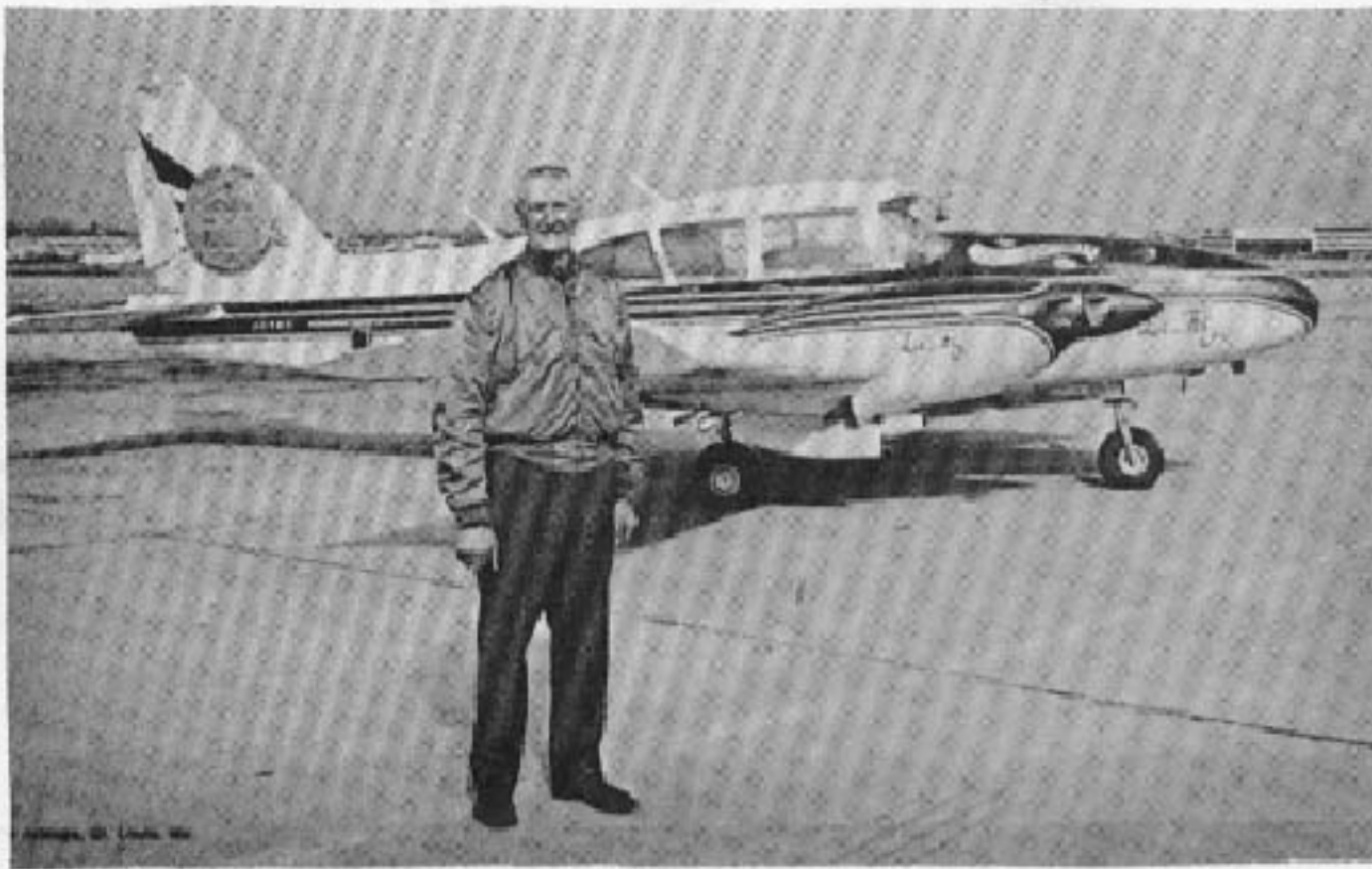
Tuesday evening, to focus on the Priesthood that we share, there will be a Concelebrated Mass. This is something that has never been done before by us and I would like to see this as the high point of the 1970 Convention. It should be a great Liturgy.

Following the Liturgy, our annual business meeting.

Wednesday, July 15. Improvement Day. I am in the process of working out a program with the FAA Office in Des Moines that will put the emphasis on the latest in IFR techniques, etc. Hopefully this will help to up-date those who hold their tickets and give the needed impetus to those who have been thinking about it. In conjunction with this there will be a program at the wind tunnel in the Aero-Space lab at the University.

Wednesday evening, Banquet in the Sun Room of the Memorial Union. We're working on a very special guest to be with us but won't know for sure till the end of this month or the beginning of next. It's quite certain Max Conrad will be with us again this year. The Auxiliary Bishop of Dubuque, Bishop Dunn will be with us.

Thursday, July 16. Dispersal Day or stay around as long as you like and RELAX. Time to get some dual, etc. or just plain vacation.



Max Conrad

&

St. Louis
Woman

Many Priests I've run into the past couple of months have asked about Max Conrad and what he might be planning for the future. The following are excerpts from a letter Betty (Max's wife wrote).

"Heavily loaded, the Aztec, shortly after taking off from the Pole station, lost altitude and made contact with the horizonless white. Result: two bent props, damaged wing and landing gear. For Max: a pulled chest muscle and a cracked rib."

"They kept him in sick bay a few days at Pole station where the doctor gave him a thorough checkup. All okay. The aircraft, though not badly damaged, was in an area where parts are unavailable --- the nearest Piper distributor being Airwork Ltd. in Christchurch, New Zealand."

"Eventually, with cheerful Navy help, Max got most of the important components like the Collins radio, Bendix Polar-Path compass, others, out of the Aztec and packed into a Hercules bound for New Zealand. The skis are also in Christchurch."

"On February 14 the men left Pole station until next November. A small carefully selected group remains there through the coming nine months of winter, when it can reach 100 degrees below zero with powerful winds. Poor Aztec, how will she survive these next months?"

"The New Zealanders were most hospitable to Max both on the way down and back and for awhile the Flying Grandfather had many plans to take down two props and other necessities next November and repair the aircraft and carry on... But finances rear their ugly heads and so we are collecting the insurance, \$4000.00 deductible and paying off the balance of the payments due."

"What will be the next step? I cannot say, but will say that I have never seen Max look so good, so vital, so young, so full of ideas... Wings somewhat clipped, he is reduced to his old Continental (car) given to him by a Baltimore fan, or the Aircoupe, standing engineless for lo these many months at Chicagoland airport. He has a new Continental engine ready to put in it, so eventually will be airborne again."

"For the NAPP Meeting in AMES, I'm sure you can count on him. He has much to tell, and surely enjoys this group of exciting, air-minded, dedicated men."

Have you paid your dues?

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Ames, Iowa 50010

Briefs from here and there

Father Vernon Schaefer of Byron, Minnesota says that he and Fr. John Czaplowski of Winona (recent private ticket) flew the Club Cherokee 180 to El Paso, Texas in December. In January to Denver. The two of them give programs in parishes for youth and also for adults promoting the renewal. John is full time at this sort of thing and also works at ecumenism in non-Catholic churches. They plan another tour by Cherokee in April taking in Denver, Phoenix, Albuquerque, and El Paso. Vern says it's a new kind of team ministry which requires a private aircraft to meet the dates.

This is Vern's 25th year in the priesthood and he's leading a pilgrimage to Oberomergau, Rome, Lourdes and Fatima in the Fall. He also writes a weekly column in the diocesan newspaper, THE COURIER, and talks aviation once in a while as it applies to the priesthood.

Father Francis Smalley of West Fargo, North Dakota informs us that 1969 was his biggest flying year since he got his license. He flew to Florida in a 235. In December he spent about 25 hours in search of a downed plane and got to know parts of North Dakota that he never saw before. Unfortunately the plane was destroyed and the pilot and passenger killed on impact.

Frank is Wing Chaplain of the Civil Air Patrol with the rank of Lt. Col.

Father William Travers, Colonel stationed at Travis AFB, noticed Father James Markham's name in the NAPP Directory. Jim is in the Military Ordinariate Office in New York and Bill suggests that perhaps he could put in a plug for NAPP in one of the M O Newsletters. Bill says there are many priests in Service who are pilots. How about it JIM?

Father John Tyman, O.S.A. of Chicago is teaching a course to Seniors at Mendel Catholic Prep School. The course runs one semester and is accredited since he has a Math and Physics degree. Many of the students are interested in orientation flights. Since February he has logged 30 hours doing this. John is also teaching an adult education course in the evening for interested adults. John's summer plans are to get his commercial license and a ground school instructor rating. He also hopes to fly to Alaska via light plane.

John has been one of R.K (Preacher) Smith's California to Chicago students in the Augustinian Skylane the past three summers.

Father John Walsh of Webster, N.Y. gives the following info about himself. In 1967 he was assigned by Bishop Sheen to found a new parish, St. Paul's and hopes to move into a new parish Center this spring. In 1969 he was elected to the Diocesan Priests' Council and also to the Diocesan Personnel Board.

John belongs to the Rochester Flying Club at Monroe County Airport and flies a Cessna 172 and Cherokee 6. He and fellow NAPPER Frank Erb usually get in one long trip a year. The third member of the group, Monsignor Cleary (also NAPP member) passed away suddenly last Fall. The two of them had flown together for twenty years.

John is looking forward to the Convention here in Ames this July.

Father John Porter of Cincinnati says he doesn't get much time to fly anymore and is waiting to get that small farm parish so that he'll have the time to get in the air.

John is a Charter member of NAPP and believes very strongly in the organization and hopes to continue his support of it.

Father Edward Gaudette of Lexington, Mass. still does most his flying in his Aeronca Champ. He says, "We never go far or fast, but we see all there is to see. No airport is too small for us and enjoy this kind of flying very much."

Father John Blethen, O.S.A. of Los Angeles writes that he is taking instrument training on the G.I. Bill through the VA. The cost of the training is \$1500.00 and the VA pays 90% of that. He says he is finding the training very valuable.

Father James Kremeier of Greeley, Nebraska wrote a note of thanks for the directory and "fine" newsletters. Jim says he bought a Cessna 175 last May and was fortunate in getting a hangar at the airport only a mile out of town.

Father Jim Duster of Regis High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa says he hasn't done much flying but hopes to get at it again when Spring is here to stay.

Father John Walsh of East St. Louis, Illinois has much the same story. He has only flown 10 hours in the last 12 months even though the Rectory is under the base leg when landing on 31 at Bi-State Airport. Invitations are open to anyone landing at Bi-State.

Father Hugh Rodman, S.J., writes from Chicago that he is grateful that NAPP has kept him on the mailing list inspite of the fact that he asked last year to be dropped because he didn't have the money for dues. He does manage to divert a few dollars a year to get in a couple hours of flying but feels he hasn't anything to offer NAPP. Hugh has been in contact with Father Sasges' and is especially grateful for the story we ran on him in the last issue.

Hugh says they have an active flying club at Loyola among the students and he may be their moderator next year. He hopes this will get him more involved in flying.

(Editor's note: It's great to know that NAPP is helping someone like Hugh keep up an interest in flying and also helping him to find friends with the same interest. I hope that we never become so selfish that we will cease to keep men like Hugh on our mailing list).

Father Benedict Meyer, O.S.B. is a new member of NAPP thanks to the efforts of Father Jim Harney of Louisville. Ben sends the following information about himself.

He is member of the community at St. Meinrad, Indiana but for the last seven years he has been in Peru as rector of the seminary for the Indians of the north mountains. This year he is on a fund raising tour here in the States to complete a building they're putting up for the students. Although he doesn't particularly care for this work he has one happy advantage - his boss told him to pick up his "ticket" while in the States. At the time of writing over a month ago he was almost ready for the flight test. WELCOME and CONGRATULATIONS.

Father George Seuferling writes from Weirville (Frankfort, Kansas) with many nice words about the newsletter. He has also been appointed the Pastor of a Mission Parish, St. Joseph's of Lillis, Kansas. That gives him double duty in addition to the recent appointment to the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission. Flying for George has been at a minimum the past few months - just a little time in a little Alon 2.

Father Victor Schoenberger, O.F.M. Con., of Rensselaer, N.Y. says that he is currently the president of Upper Fifteen, Incorporated, a Flying Club started at Siena College in 1949. At present the club has two aircraft, a Cessna 150 and a Mooney Chaparral. Both planes are based at Albany County Airport.

Vic says Father Stan Allie, a member of the Club, is on leave from the Diocese to work with Archbishop Joe Ryan in the Archdiocese of Anchorage. Stan has just been appointed pastor of Palmer, Alaska, about 80 miles out of Anchorage. Mt. McKinley (20,300 ft.) is on the border of his parish. He is looking for a four-place plane to cover his mission stations thirty-six and fifty-six miles away, which are practically inaccessible except by air. Stan just recently earned his instrument ticket and is now going for his "bush pilot" rating.

a suggestion...

Father John Blethen of Los Angeles has made the following proposal as something NAPP members might consider.

In thinking over the inquiry from Father Birk in Spokane regarding the cost of learning how to fly and the editorial I had about it in the last newsletter, John suggested that NAPP might use the money we have to give long term - low interest rates to members who want to get their license or up-grade themselves.

The idea seems to me to be a way in which we could be of help to one another. While our immediate project seems to be supporting the research to be done by a Grad student here at Iowa State University, the fact is that student hasn't appeared on the scene to date. Meanwhile the money we have set aside for that purpose is collecting interest for us. It certainly seems within the goals of our group as stated in the Constitution that we could think seriously about the proposal John has made.

I would welcome your comments - pro and con - regarding this suggestion. If there is enough interest, I'll put it on the agenda for the Board to discuss and bring up at the General Meeting at the Convention.

Directory Corrections

NEW MEMBERS:

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CORRECTIONS:

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(not Thimlin as in Directory)

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(same address but not
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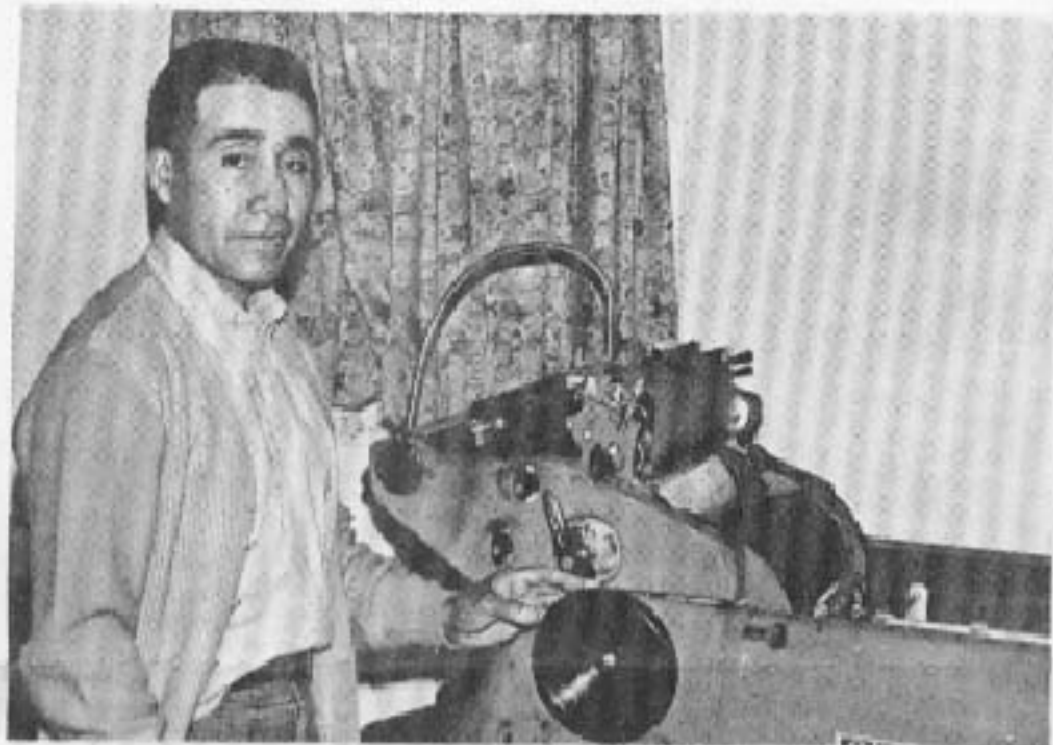
OMISSION:

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13 Terry St.
Mullens, W. Va. 25882

NAPP Brochure

The NAPP informational brochure is slowly but surely becoming a reality. Dick Skriba has made a rough draft containing history, purpose, etc. of NAPP. I have taken it to an artist to get suggestions for a cover. One of the Profs in Journalism is working on the format for the rest of the brochure. So it is my hope that within a couple of weeks we should have a pretty professional looking bit of information ready to go to the printers. Maybe the next newsletter will contain several copies for you to pass out to interested friends.

Putting out the newsletter...



Putting out the newsletter each time is not a one-man operation, but, as the pictures on this page show, the work of a number of people.

Jan Warren, whose picture we didn't get, does the typing for the newsletter. Jan has been the Secretary here at the Student Center for the past eight years and types our newsletter after duty hours.

After Jan has typed all the materials the layout work begins - deciding what goes where, printing the headings and placing pictures. Shown upper left above are Nancy Johnson and myself putting the finishing touches on this issue. Nance graduated from Iowa State University in February with a degree in Spanish and will go to Purdue in the Fall to begin work on her MA. Nance designed the masthead for the newsletter, the cover for the Directory and does all the fancy printing and lettering that appears in each issue.

Once it is all assembled it goes to Tony Terrones, right above, who operates our offset printing press. Tony is employed by the Postal Department and does our printing during his off-duty hours.

There still remains the monumental task of addressing and stuffing 215 envelopes. Shown below are three faithful souls from our Parish assembling and preparing for mailing the last newsletter and the Directory. They are Mrs. Lillian Bonnefil, Mrs. Dorothy Meador and Mrs. Carm Daniel. Carm is also the one who stamps and addresses all the envelopes.



RESERVATION SHEET

To reach Ames by car - we're right on Highway 30 and I 35.

If you come by private plane - Ames Municipal Airport is two miles south of town. Located on the Dubuque Sectional. (Next issue of the newsletter will carry IFR approach plate).

If you are arriving commercially - Des Moines is the closest city - 30 miles - served by the Airlines.

Below is a sheet to be filled out so that I will know about how many to expect, when and where. Also the room reservation sheet is attached. I'm hoping that some of you won't mind sharing a double bed with someone else in your party as there are more of these rooms. Arrangements have been made with a motel to handle the overflow crowd for prices very close to those quoted for the Union.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Mail as soon
as possible to:

Rev. Mel Hemann
St. Thomas Aquinas
2210 Lincolnway
Ames, Iowa 50010

I will be arriving on _____
by _____

____ Car _____ Commercial Lines
_____ Airlines
____ Private Plane _____
N _____ Flight
_____ Time & Date

ROOM RESERVATIONS IN ISU MEMORIAL UNION

Room with twin beds - \$12.00 per room - 12 rooms available.

____ July 13 ____ July 14 ____ July 15

Room with double bed - \$10.00 per room - 15 rooms available.

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If anyone wishes to remain longer arrangements can be made at that time to extend room reservations.

\$10.00 Convention Deposit: _____ Enclosed. _____ Pay on Arrival.

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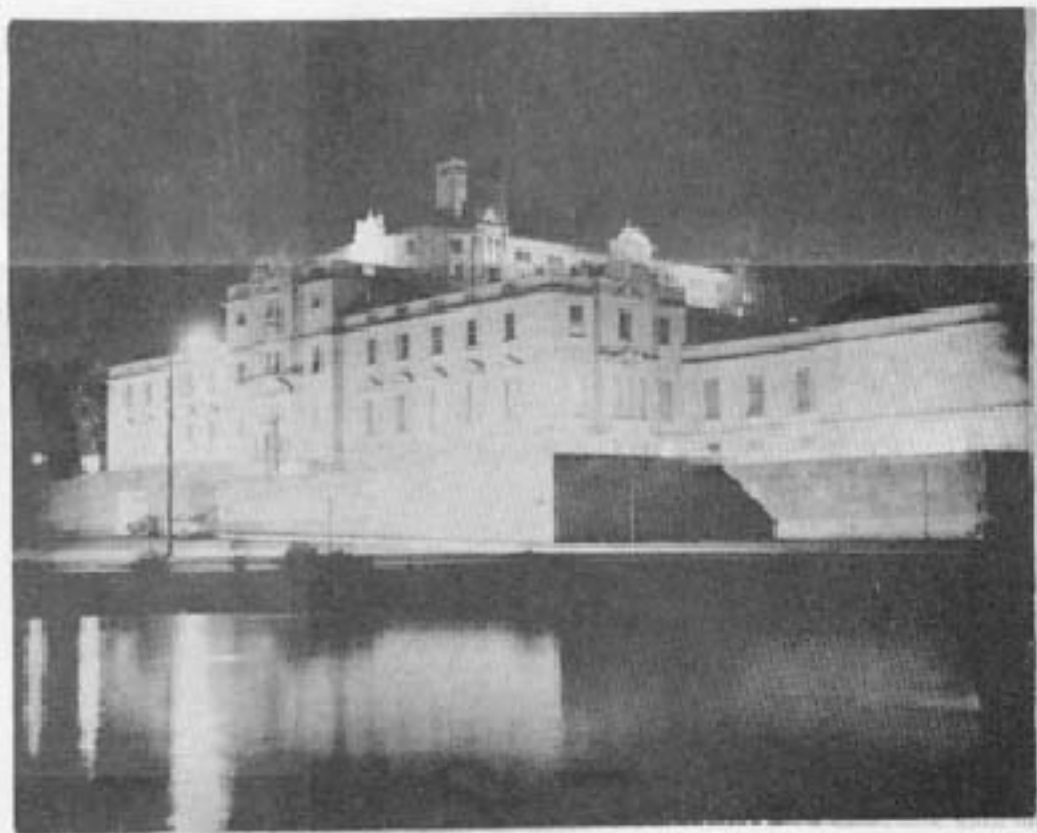


St. Thomas
Aquinas
Church

Ames, Iowa

Rooms across the street...

Iowa State
University
Memorial Union



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