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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Flyers and Friends,

It is a good thing we have Holy Week and Easter every year to keep us from forgetting what life is all about. I hope your liturgies did as much for you as ours did for me. The Church is wise. People who live the Paschal Mysteries every day can do so with hope.

Speaking of hope, we hope you will fill out and mail in your registration for the NAPP Convention to be held in Frankfort, Kentucky, on July 12 and 13, 1988. As always you are invited to come early and stay late. Henry Haacke and Al Ruschman will be our hosts. Henry is one of the founders of NAPP and this meeting will be the twenty-fifth and take us back to the site of the first one. Keep him in your prayers. Henry is receiving treatment for a serious medical problem but his spirits are good.

He and Al have done much ground work to make the gathering of sky-pilots enjoyable and interesting. Plans are to branch out in three directions from our base at Frankfort, the State Capitol. On Tuesday we expect to go to Bardstown, the cradle of the Catholic faith in the mid-south; the Trappist Monastery at Gethsemani where Thomas Merton was nurtured and nurtured others; My Old Kentucky Home where Stephen Foster and his music are commemorated, etc.

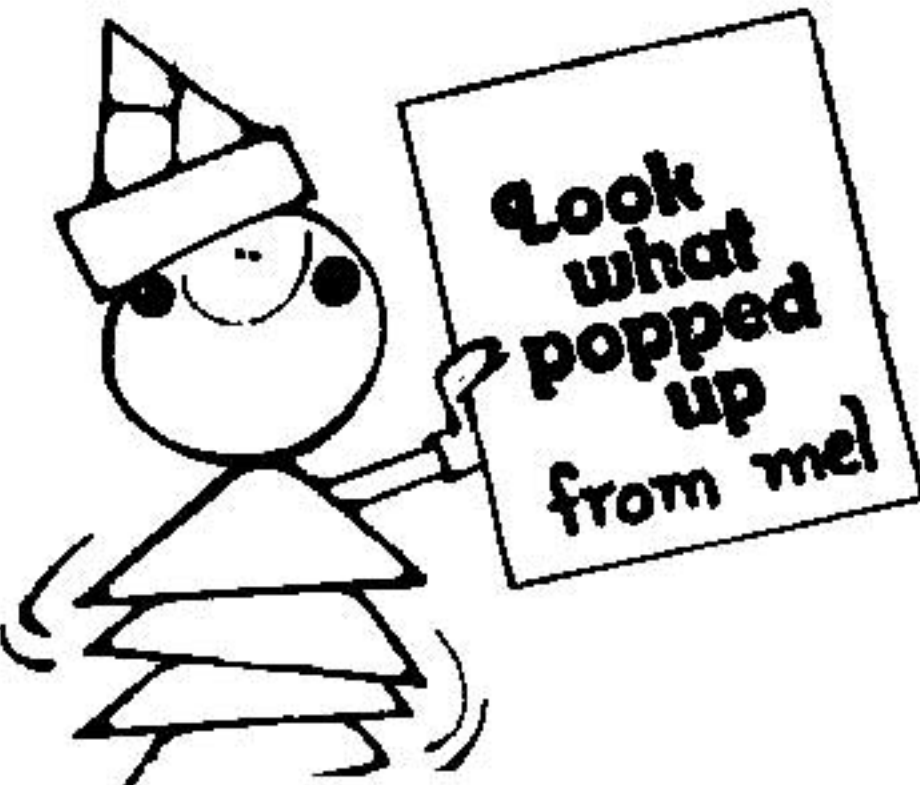
Wednesday will be a full day with time for the business meeting,

a jaunt to Lexington where the beautiful horses run fast and then up to Carrollton where it all began in 1964. There we shall again celebrate the Paschal Mysteries in the "Cathedral of the Fields" and banquet at Butler State Park

There will be many memories for our old timers and a taste of history for our new timers with fun and fascination for all.

See you there.

Bill Bevington



1. You will find with this newsletter a couple of enclosures: (a). A reservation envelope for the CAPITAL PLAZA HOTEL. This is where we will be staying. It is self-explanatory and YOU must make your room reservation. (b). Those of you who paid your annual dues since the last newsletter will find enclosed your 1988 membership card. (c). The reservation form for the convention itself. Please get this to Al as soon as possible so that he'll know how many to expect. Hopefully this will be one of the best attended in years.


2. I am including in this edition two pictures taken at the July meeting in 1964 at Butler State Park. It hardly seems 25 years have gone by since these pictures were taken.

3. Normally we mail the annual directory with this edition. I have decided to wait till July this year. I'll bring some along to the Convention and then mail the rest. There just might be a few of you who will be getting your dues in before that time and we'll be able to include you in the directory.

4. I will also bring some NAPP hats with me. We got a new supply just prior to last year's convention but due to the death of my mother at that time we were unable to get them to those interested.

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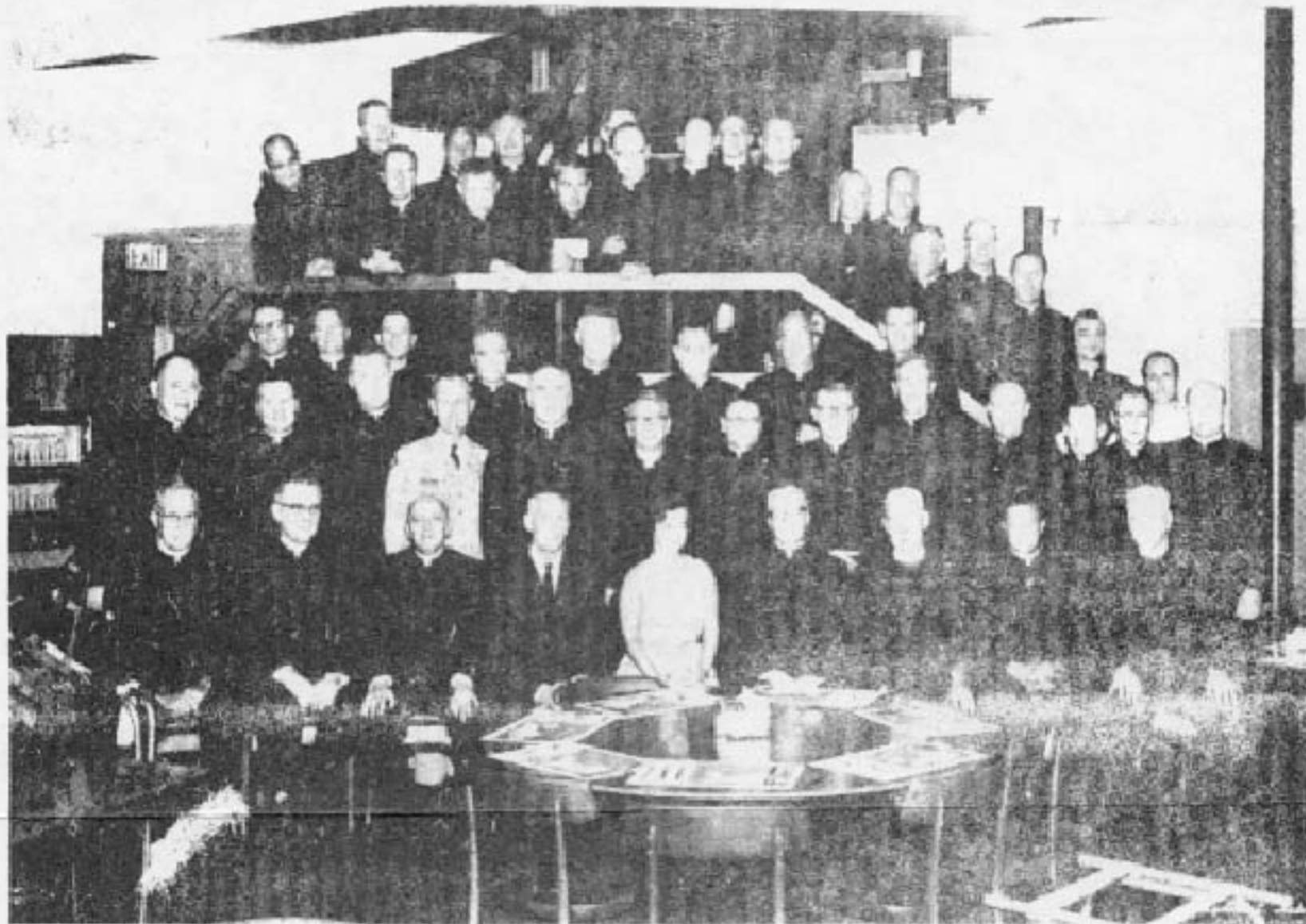
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REMINDER: The enclosed reservation envelope for the CAPITAL PLAZA HOTEL is the only one you will receive. DON'T LOSE IT!!!

You can still send in your annual dues to John Wolesky. We'll always accept you.



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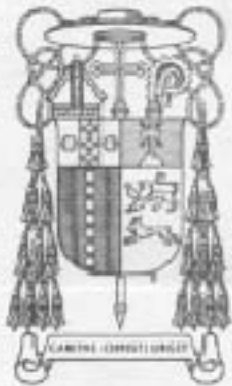


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BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

March 10, 1988



MOST REV. LEO ARKFELD

Archdiocese of Madang
P.O. Box 750
Madang, M.P.
Papua, New Guinea

Dear Fr. Mel,

Many thanks for your letter and the invitation to the 25th NAPP. I believe I can make it. I expect to be in America during the month of July. We are having an Arkfeld family gathering on July 17th. The rest of the month is till negotiable.

I still have a license that is valid for about 2 more years. I recently flew 240 miles to be the main celebrant at the ordination of a new bishop. That is probably a first. My hours so far are 8583.

Cheers in the Lord.

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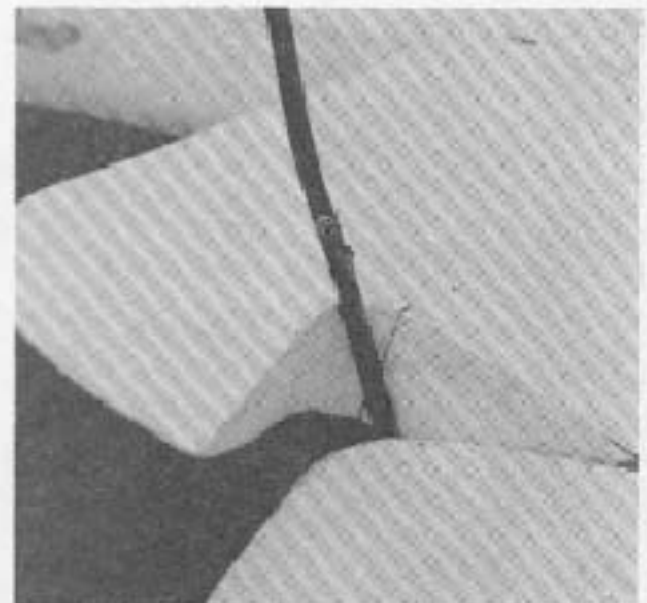
This chap recovered.



This happened on
landing.



All O.K. Thanks to
the Lord.



From Bishop Jose A. Llaguno, S.J., Bishop of Tarahumara, Mexico. CHRISTMAS 1987:

To all of you, benefactors and friends, a message and cordial Christmas greetings from the Church in the Tarahumar country.

Jesus is born in Bethlehem to be our brother and to share with us our reality, our life: joys, hopes, sufferings, struggles and problems. At Christmas we like to remember with joy that we are loved by God our Father who sent us his Son.

In the presence of the example of Jesus who becomes our brother we must all review our Christian life: a Christian life which means above all the following of Jesus. And this all of us must do not only priests, nuns or bishops. All of us are Christians.

And we follow most truthfully Jesus when we are closest by choice to our poorest brothers, the marginal and the weak, etc. This is not only to give them what is ours but to give of ourselves: to share their life, their dreams, their struggles, their hopes, their poverty and their problems.

May the Christ child help us this Christmas to share with them our life so that we can search together for the christian solution of all the injustices that we are all experiencing.

May this be the blessing and present of Jesus: in the same way as He shares our poverty and reality; may we also share our brothers' reality.

This our wish and our prayer from the Tarahumar country where we are trying amidst many limitations to share the life of our most under-privileged brothers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jose A. Llaguno

+Jose A. Llaguno, S.J.
Bishop of Tarahumara

From ALL SAINTS CHURCH, Pittsburgh, PA, Fr. Jack Fitzgerald writes on March 5:

Dear Editor,

Spring brings about spring cleaning and something I found while looking for something else is this little article by Gordon Baxter of "Bax Seat" fame. I thought you might be interested as it deals with myself, a NAPP member. Spring brings also dreams of Oshkosh, by Gosh.

[SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 1986. EAA FLYING DAILY NEWS]

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BIPLANE THEN GET ONE by Gordon Baxter

I squandered a balmy breezy morning admiring the sleek perfection and imagination-stretching homebuilts that have been flown in. Tried to resist, but I am drawn to bi-planes like a catfish to day old pork. The NOWACO sat like a queen at the head of the row, a full-sized replica of the famed taperwing, something to compare the newborn experimentals to for size. Smaller than the radial engine Waco, bigger than the Pitts and Eagle clones, there were six Skybolts looking sleek, swept-winged and faithful as a bird dog.

One's first impression of these long-nosed Lycoming 200-hp driven Skybolts which average 120-mph cruise and land at 80, is that they were all built by Irish yankees. There was Pat O'Kelley's gleaming red with sun-burst navy blue wing strips. It was perfectly detailed, just like a mint thousand-dollar bill. For the stack of bills and years of work it takes to build one, you could buy a good Stearman. But a good Stearman is always hungry.

There was Jack Fitzgerald, a youthful looking redhead who found an Ohio Skybolt in Trade-A-Plane, offered by a retiree. "Deal of a lifetime," whispered this Fitzgerald to his partner, "buy it." And there was Jack Fitzgerald, no kin, retired EAL captain who is building a truly rare Skybolt. Jack mostly flew Electras for Eastern. He loved them and biplanes too, so he's building a turboprop biplane. He'll be able to sit in an open cockpit but still smell kerosene and hear the whine of a turbine.

This court was convened beside Jim Simmons, Chesire Ct, blue and white Skybolt, a two holer with a one-piece sliding canopy. We spoke in low tones, looking each other in the eyes as men do in the presence of great truths. "If I were to build another, I'd build this one," said Simmons beside his notoriously strong biplane, "or an Eagle if I could afford it."

"Why biplanes?" I asked.

"Why fly?" responded Fitzgerald enigmatically.

"Better than bars," said the other Fitzgerald, heretically.

Jim Fitzgerald's turboprop Skybolt is an experimental experimental. One of a kind, the biplane measures six-and-a-half feet long from firewall to spinner with 45 pounds of shot in the tail. No one minds the added weight of the shot with 330-shp on tap at the throttle. The turbine is a Boeing T50 B08, flown for the first time in a small biplane. "The takeoff was normal, then the prop went flat and I dropped it on the end of the runway. It was a hard landing. Here at the convention I'm hoping to find some one who knows a lot about throttle-prop governor controls. It's a nightmare."

Parting as newly formed friends all the Irish and this Texan agreed that the question of biplanes is purely emotional. Like love.

In a letter written last December 30, Bill Bevington shared the following:

I was surprised in looking at my first log book that it took ten months to solo after my first flight. I see the reason was that I flew once in June, 3 times in July and skipped to March for 3 flights and 4 times in April including the solo flight. It was in a Piper J-3 on a grass strip at Cadet Field in South Bend, Indiana. The winters there are cold with much snow usually. Total time before the 20 minute solo flight was 8 hrs. 20 minutes. The next series of flights was in Nashville beginning (and ending) the first week of July 1945 (seven flights, some dual, some solo) in an Aeronca. The next series (still in progress) began July 3, 1969 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. In recent years most of my time has been in July in connection with the NAPP meeting. I hope to get up this week with a newly instrument rated doctor who has a C-172 in Smyrna.

From Sacred Heart Church, Rolette, ND, Adam Engelhardt, included the following iwth his dues:

I have not done much flying this past year. We have traded off the 172 for a 182 with all the trimmings; radios galore, DME, etc., etc. I intend to take it to Texas on January 10 on vacation. There are seven people in the Club at the moment so we thought we could step up.

The weather here has been good during the Fall and still is. The roads are dry and no snow. It has made my travels to the missions much easier than in past years.

From Spokane, WA John Birk writes:

I continue to be busy braveling commercial though. I am an Associate member but I am being pressed now by the former commander of the Civil Air Patrol to work my way through to get a license. We shall see, considering the hectic pace I have with various ministries and supplying in parishes. I will be going to Panama at the end of February and the beginning of March to attend a 10 day seminar on the social-economic situation of Central America. Since I am involved with the mission in Guatemala for our diocese I thought I should be more informed. I am getting very excited about it all.

God bless you. Hope everyone has a New Year filled with many blessings and happy memories.

P.S. How about that!!! My 25th anniversary lands on NAPP's 25th in '88.

Barry Desmond included this note with his '88 dues:

My homebuilt Zenith CH 300 (all metal, low wing, 2-4 place taildragger) is receiving its finishing touches in the High School shop in Kelawna. It should be well prepared for the initial flight when the Spring flying weather returns. It has been under construction for some six years now.

In the meantime I have been fortunate to have access to a Mooney MK 20 to keep my hand in.

April 15, 1988

Dear NAPP Members:

Headquarters for the Convention will be at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, 405 Wilkinson Blvd., Frankfort, Ky. 40601.
Telephone: Ky. - 800/372-2929 Outside Ky. - 800/372-2727

Frankfort is located in the New Diocese of Lexington, Ky.

On Wednesday afternoon we will travel to Carrollton, Ky., the site of the first Priest Pilots Convention of 1964. There, Bishop William A. Hughes of the Diocese of Covington, Ky., will be main celebrant of the Mass. Dinner will follow at General Butler State Park.

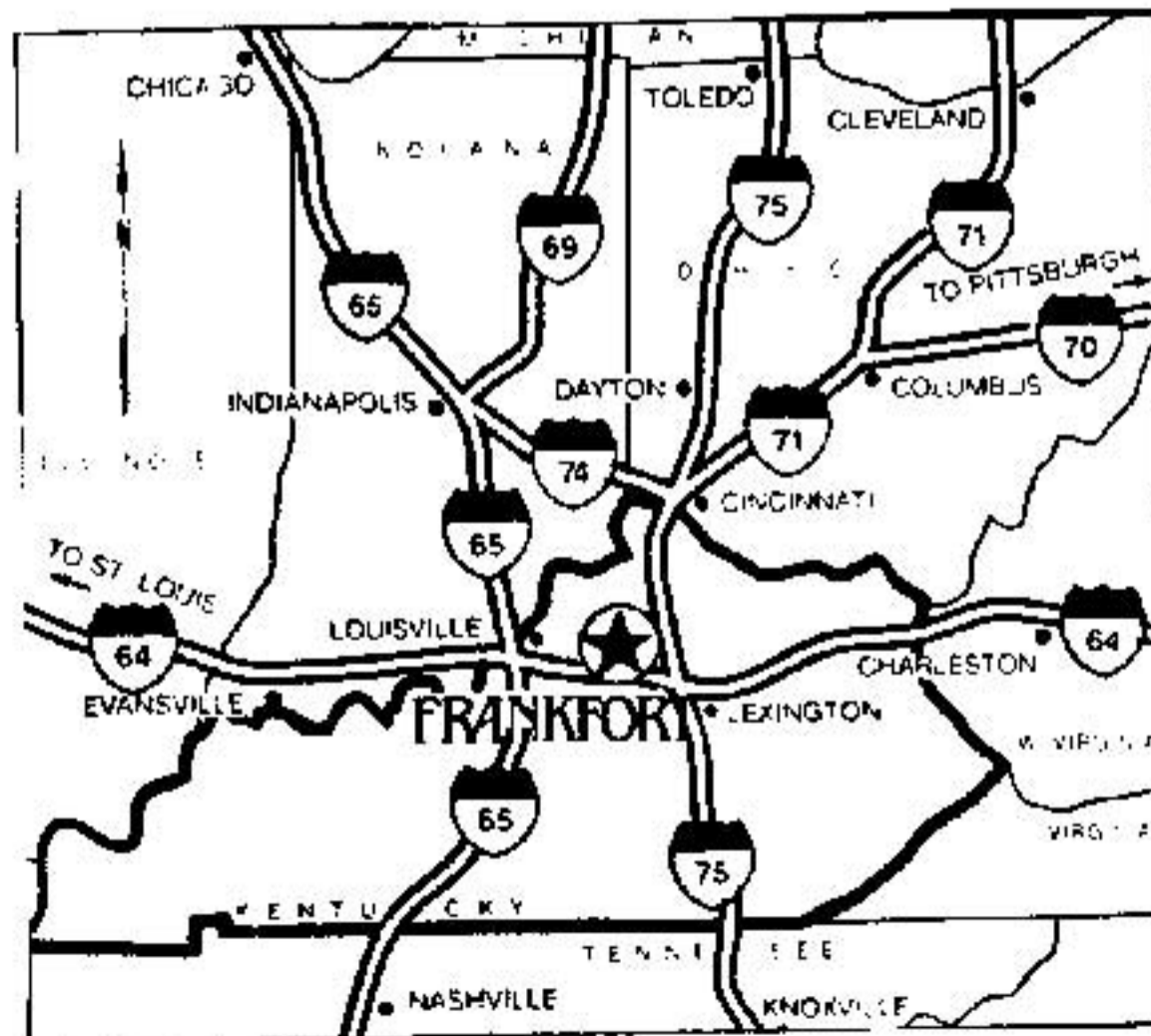
Feel free to bring guests. I am assisting Fr. Henry Haacke in the preparation and hosting of the Convention, especially since Henry has been ill for several weeks.

Looking forward to a great anniversary celebration, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Al Ruschman

P.S. Schedule of Events with the June Newsletter.





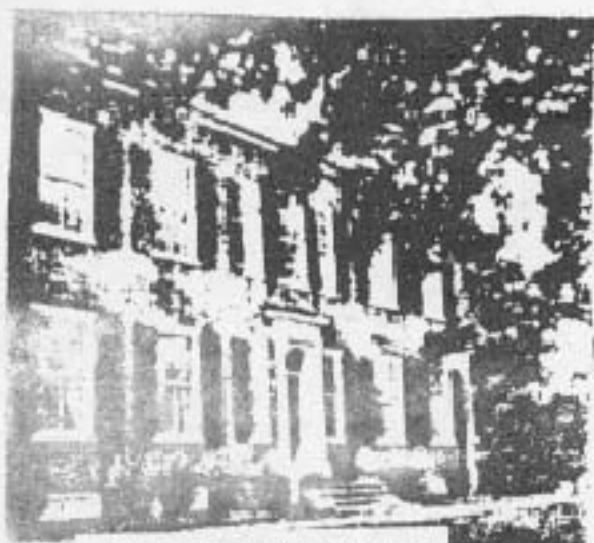
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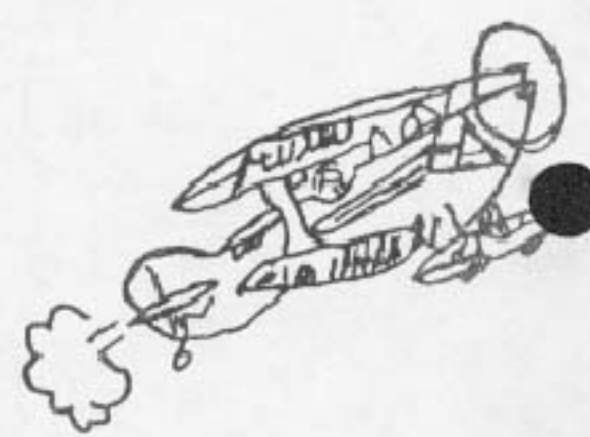
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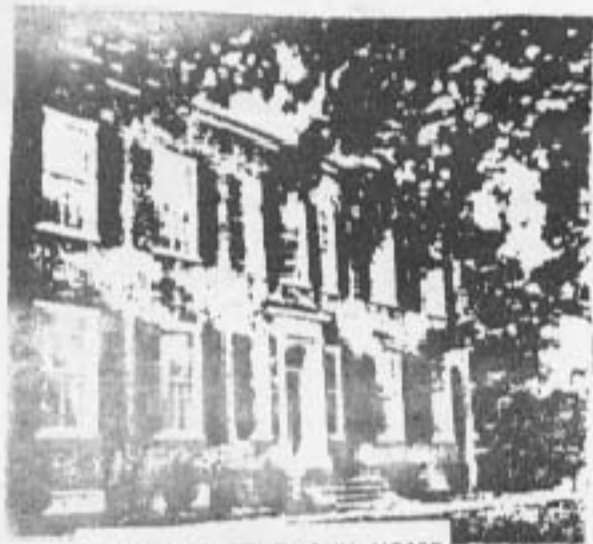
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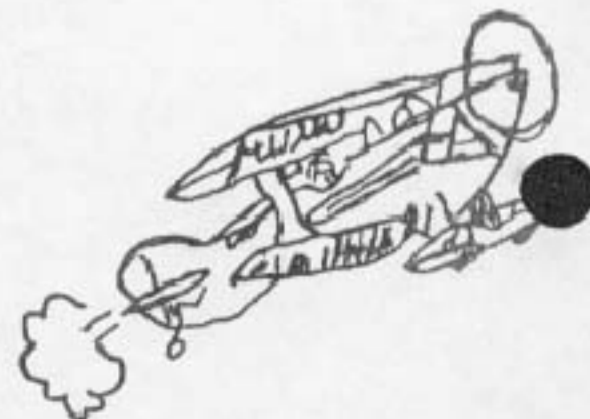
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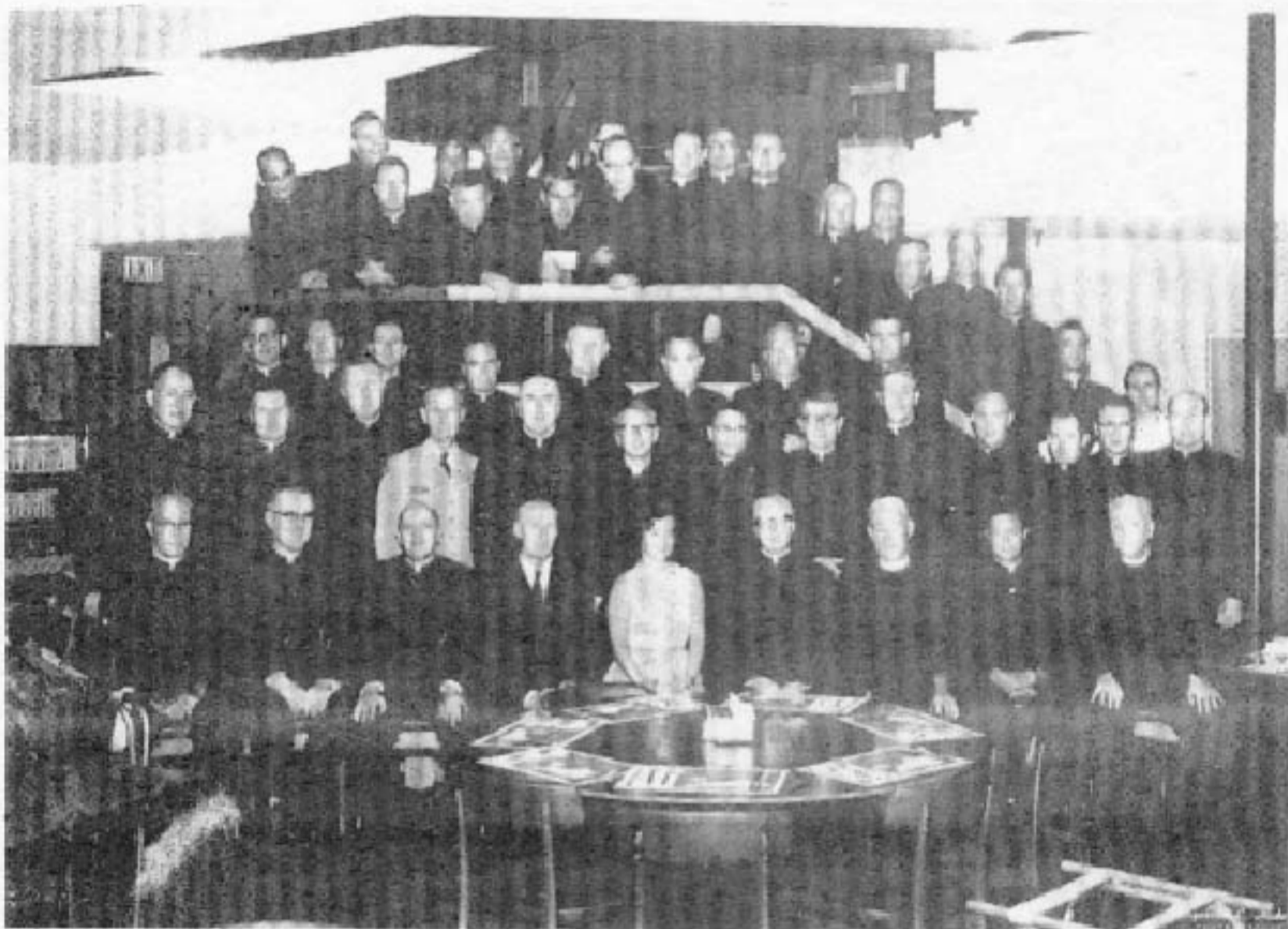
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