

FR. SMITH, ST. FRANCIS' PASTOR, APPOINTED DIOCESAN CONSULTOR

(Continued From Page One) program of complete renovation and modernization of the grade school. A notable addition will be made to the building. An addition will also be made to the sisters' convent. It is hoped that the work can get under way early in the spring. A successful financial program is possible.

The two Ordinaries of Colorado, Archbishop Vehr and Bishop Joseph C. Willingham of Pueblo; 85 priests, two seminarians, a large number of sisters, and parishioners filled St. Francis' to capacity to pay honor to Father Smith on the occasion of his silver jubilee last June.

Father Smith has led an incredibly busy life. In addition to his parish activities he has been an active diocesan secretary of the St. Francis' Mission Crusade during most of his priesthood. He organized and directs the Archbishop's Guild, which backs many home mission projects. He spends many hours teaching in high school.

THE PRIEST WAS CHIEFLY responsible for the organization of the vacation school movement in the state under the direction of the late Bishop Willingham. He also directed the vacation schools for several years in the new Diocese of Pueblo under the leadership of Bishop Willingham.

In the Denver archdiocese Father Smith also assumed charge of the adult discussion clubs when that program was set up. For years he has served as national chairman of the study club movement for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, a position that has taken him to many parts of the nation to give demonstrations of the national activities of the Confraternity.

Despite all these activities, Father Smith somehow has found time to write several of the study texts used by the Confraternity, to act as secretary and then as a judge of the archdiocesan matrimonial court, to act as one of the theological examiners for the junior clergy of the archdiocese and for seminarians about to be ordained, and also to aid from time to time in the various important activities of the diocese.

He is brother of Monsignor Matthew Smith, editor of the Register and a nephew of the late Monsignor Thomas P. Smith, V.G., and of the late Rev. Matthew Smith of the Altona diocese.

Diocesan consultants were dinner guests of Archbishop Urban J. Vehr in his home Monday and afterwards met with the Archbishop to discuss business of the Denver archdiocese. Present were Monsignor Joseph Bonetti, V.G.; John R. Milroy, William Higgins, Charles Higgins, Monsignor Smith, and the Rev. Fathers Paul O'Hara, William King, Colorado Springs, and the Rev. Fathers Charles P. O'Hara, Manus P. Boyle, and Eugene O'Sullivan of Fort Collins. Father Gregory Smith was announced as a new diocesan consultant at this meeting. He succeeds the late Monsignor H. L. McMenamin.

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NCCS Will Continue Operations in Denver. The National Catholic Community Service program for the nation's peace-time defense forces and the patients in military and veterans' hospitals will be continued in Denver although the USO ceases to operate.

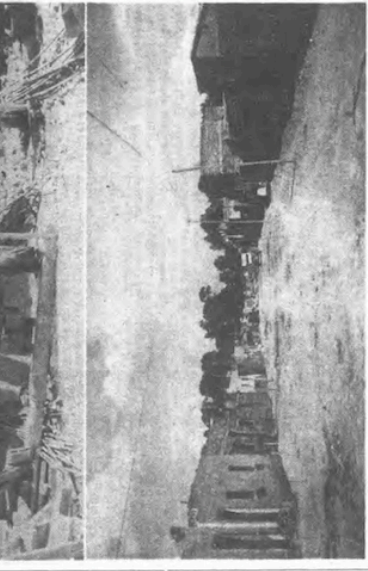
Famous Mountain Ranch Operated by Catholic. PAID \$61,000 FOR HEREFORD. They have a better chance if they sell the cow than if they keep it. The question was put to the Catholic community in a recent poll.

KFEL to Return 'Family Theater' To Air Shortly. The 'Family Theater' program, which had been heard over KFEL, will be returned to the air shortly.

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