



OUR MISSIONARIES IN PORTLAND

These girls of the Holy Child Academy, Portland, Oregon, were shown a mission film about Takoradi, Ghana—a film which miraculously escaped destruction when the automobile in which Mother Mary Assumpta was later being driven in California suddenly lost a wheel and caught fire.

Mercifully, the wind carried the heat and the flames *away* from the gas tank, so the car did not explode but just burned itself out by the side of the road, as passers-by telephoned for the nearest Fire Department, and Father Wilson, Mother Assumpta's brother who was driving the car, thought desperately of the money from the annual collection which was lodged in the front of the car.

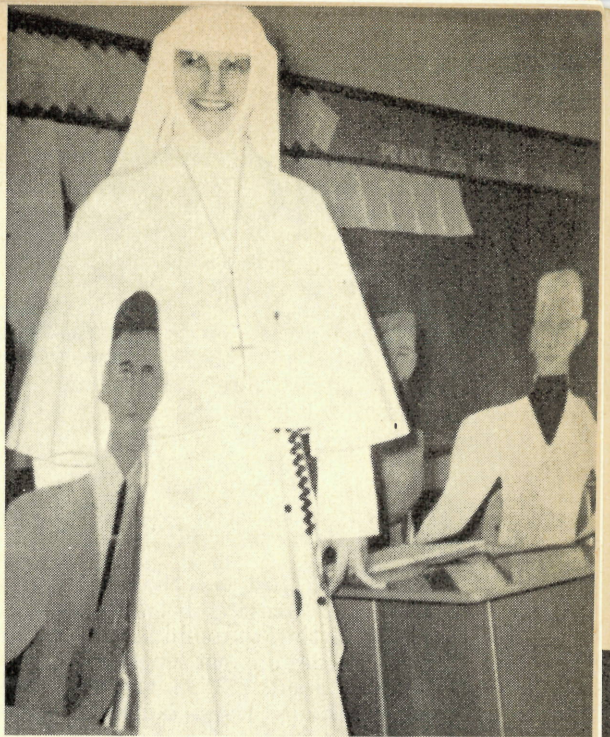
Fortunately, indeed, the money was extracted by the firemen, slightly "burned around the edges" but still good; and the mission film, a bit charred but still recognizable, can be copied.

With Mother Assumpta was Mother Philip Neri who was delighted to revisit Portland where she was living at the time of her call to Africa. She is seen with Mother M. Patrick, 5th grade teacher at St. Rita School, whose active love for the Missions projects itself far beyond her classroom.

This is the second fire that Mother M. Assumpta has had to fight in this issue of *The Pylon* (see page 35), not to mention the marmalade fires she has endured on behalf of the British Army, as recorded in last Autumn's issue. We wish her a happy, fire-free time from now on, in Ututu!



No! They are not GHOSTS! We will admit that Mother Philip Neri, energetic missionary that she is, looks as though she has been influenced by her immobile friends, the self-portraits (and sitting in self's desks too) for which Mother Mary Canice's 8th Graders have been responsible. The only trouble is the doubles suffer a little from the vacant eye and this is by no means characteristic of St Rita School, where things hum like a turbine jet.



If the First Graders of the same school are enjoying life at this moment it is doubtless because Mother Mary Victoria has just sung one of her beautiful high notes. She was at school in Portland too and this may be an added reason for her small neighbor's expression, 'This is *OUR* Sister.'

We hope to publish some pictures from St Charles and Holy Family, Portland, who also do much to help the Holy Child missions and their magazine.



The missionaries must have been pleased to find so many *Pylons* about at St Rose School, Portland, where missionary zeal runs very high. Reading *The Pylon* three times a year for life is the second best way of visiting the Holy Child missions. The best way is, of course, to GO THERE AS A HOLY CHILD SISTER and stay there working for the Kingdom of God.