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Then And Now

A year ago the papers were dilating on what a wonderful man Mr. C. Bascom Slomp was. He has been selected as the Private Secretary to the new President, Calvin Coolidge, and was to be his political adviser. Papers and politicians always are kind to "the power behind the throne."

Mr. Slomp had charge of the whipping in of Coolidge delegates. During the campaign he clashed a few times with the Coolidge chief of staff, Mr. William Butler, now United States Senator of Massachusetts.

Like Will Hays, and Harry New Mr. Slomp may have expected to go into President Coolidge's Cabinet. Apparently, that was not forthcoming. Mr. Slomp resigns as Private Secretary.

And here's his farewell from one of the papers that used to coddle Slomp when he was "aces high"—Inauguration of Coolidge and Dawes will see the "samik of the new secretary to President Coolidge. C. Bascom Slomp will retire and get back to his large interests which are many and varied, and which long ago made of him a wealthy man. He is said to have become tired of the place and is most anxious to get out of the public service."

It has been surmised that Mr. Slomp accepted the secretaryship expecting it would prove a stepping stone to a cabinet position. This has failed to materialize. There are no further prospects in that direction, and so Mr. Slomp has asked to be permitted to step down. Instead of up.

Everett Sanders of Indiana is slated to take the place Mr. Sanders has been congressman for a long term of years and might have been re-elected this year had he not declined to run.

Mr. Sanders was born and reared on a farm. He wrung an education out of hard work, pushed himself through the study of law and gradually came to distinction in state and national service.

It is believed that the chance will be a very excellent one.

Congratulations

Parishioners of St. Augustine's and the pastor, Rev. John H. O'Brien, are to be congratulated on the nearly completed new church edifice. While conforming in all details to approved ecclesiastical architecture, it is, in every particular, a product of Rochester architects and artisans, even to the stained glass windows.

The altar and decorations of the church are ever-present memorials of parishioners past and present and mute evidence of the devotion of donors, have to their Church and pastor.

Day by day, the foresight of the great first Bishop of Rochester in planning Rochester's Catholic parishes in circles, widening out as the city expanded is justified. Wherever a Catholic parish is set up the city population has increased and the locality has been settled up, and as the city grows, the number of Catholic parishes increases logically and naturally and are balanced in population. Just as the city grows, the Catholic population and influence increases.

One of the war horses of the Church in America passed away a few days ago in the person of Archbishop Henry Moeller, of Cincinnati. He was born in 1849 and consecrated Archbishop in 1904, after having been Bishop of Columbus and coadjutor to Archbishop Elder.

The Dramatic Club of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in River Rouge, Michigan, applied to use the school auditorium for an entertainment. The Michigan laws permit all civic organizations to use the public school recreational buildings. The local school board took upon itself to declare this law unconstitutional and refused permission. The Michigan Supreme Court has held the law constitutional and directed the school board to permit Our Lady of Lourdes Dramatic Club to use the school auditorium.

Many friends regret the sudden passing of Dr. T. Joseph O'Connell. He was not only a shining light in his profession, but he was constantly performing unostentatious acts of kindness for his unfortunate fellows.

Bishop McQuaid's anniversary mass recalled memories to those who survive of a heroic figure in the early days of Catholic missions in New York state. To him, as much as to any other member of the American hierarchy is due the wonderful interest that has been built up, kept up and today is carried on our wonderful Catholic school system.

Warning!

Our attention has been called to the methods used by solicitors who are working in Rochester and vicinity. They appeal to the Catholic people to subscribe to this or that Catholic paper or magazine on the plea that the money goes to help those who are studying for the holy priesthood or to help the needy orphans in Okosh or some city other than Rochester and they usually mention the name of the parish priest to secure the subscription.

The fact of the matter is that the agent usually pockets from 70 to 80 per cent of the total price of the subscription and there is little left.

One of these fellows worked in Corpus Christi parish last week and incidentally mentioned the name of Vicar-General Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. Francis O'Hern. The matter was reported to Father O'Hern and he called up the Police but they were unable to find the solicitor. As a Catholic in a different part of the city says: "We have enough to do to support the orphans and contribute toward the support of those who are studying for the priesthood in our own diocese without doing it for others."

Radio

It is a source of regret to many that the radio programs from Rochester's official station WHAM are limited to the organ and orchestra recital at the Eastman Theater and School of Music. True, these are admirable and worth while but they are charged only weekly with the erstwhile Radio Dealers' programs were charged liberty.

To be sure there are many stations in which the may interest in the thousands of crystal sets will not pick up these faraway stations—all the pleasure they afforded the radio fans is the local programs. And with the Radio dealers' silent this pleasure is debared.

The Herald is right when it says Discontinuance of the Radio Dealers' Club programs is particularly to be regretted because of the short range of crystal sets, most of which are owned by persons of limited means, including many invalids and other persons, to whom an evening's radio entertainment meant renewed contact with the world.

Radio has become more than a method of entertainment. It is a means of communication that is each month attaining new and greater usefulness, both in the perfection of broadcasting and through the greater efficiency and number of receiving sets. Cities which have famous broadcasting stations are themselves well known throughout the world. Maintenance and operation of the Rochester station on a scale representative of Rochester as a whole would go far to give this city the fame it deserves among the communities of North America.

Film Problem

Here is a sample of the clever balancing indulged in by a paper which wants to please both liberals and conservatives in the ever-present controversy as to whether the movie films should be very high, very low grade or just betwixt and between.

It appears, that there are two audiences which must be pleased by the makers of motion pictures. One class, somewhat smaller than the mass, appreciates artistic effect, intellectual effort and an absence of sensational appeal. The other and larger throng frankly loves a play with plenty of shooting, as well as a drama in which the impulses of impetuous youth are displayed with an obviousness that leaves no doubt as to the meaning.

It would be narrowly censorious to say that the one type of film drama is wholly right and the other totally wrong. To the minds of the great majority, it is obvious from the results of the recent survey, the sensational film is not offensive. Until the spectators reach a point of individual development where they demand something better, they will continue to regard that sort of thing tolerantly.

Before condemning drastically the type of films the multitude runs to, see, it might be well to consider whether pictures do not serve a useful purpose as a step toward better things, a medium through which the education of the great mass of the people is being furthered; whether, indeed the improvement desired could not be brought about better through a gradual raising of the artistic tone in films, rather than by an attempt to leap at once to the intellectual point of view from the crudely emotional.

Governor Al. Smith is now benef of two of his most valued political advisers—Charles F. Murphy and Thomas Foley.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Sunday, January 25.—The Conversion of St. Paul. Paul in his zeal for observance of the Jewish Law became a fierce persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to seize Jews who professed Christ and bring them to Jerusalem as examples to the others, he and his party were surrounded by a light from Heaven and Paul himself was struck blind. A Voice called out "Paul, Saul, why dost thou persecute Me?" Paul was led to Damascus where he was miraculously cured of his blindness and was immediately baptized.

Monday, January 26.—St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr, was Bishop of Smyrna and a follower of St. John. In 167 when a persecution of the Christians broke out Polycarp was apprehended and urged to deny the Faith. When he declined to do so he was ordered burnt alive. The fire did not harm him, however, and he was stabbed to death, after which his body was burned.

Tuesday, January 27.—St. John Chrysostom was a native of Antioch. In 374 he went into retirement on a mountain where he remained for six years. Returning to Antioch he labored as a priest and was ordained Bishop of Constantinople in 398. Although he was greatly loved, his denunciation of vice made him numerous enemies and several times he was banished through the machinations of his enemies. He died in 407.

Wednesday, January 28.—St. Cyril of Alexandria, was Patriarch of that city because of his activities against Nestorius, the Saint was threatened with banishment. However he persevered and in time it was recognized that he was right. Forgetting his wrongs and disregarding controversial questions Cyril then reconciled himself with all who would accept the true doctrine of the Incarnation. He died in 444.

Thursday, January 29.—St. Francis de Sales, was born of noble and pious parents near Annecy in 1567. When his education had been completed he was sent by the Duke of Savoy to restore the Church in the Chablais. At first he was repulsed with insults and even threatened with death but he finally succeeded and it is said he converted 72,000 Calvinists. He was made Coadjutor Bishop of Geneva and succeeded to that see in 1602. In cooperation with St. Jane Frances de Chantal he founded the order of the Visitation. He died at Annecy in 1622 after having refused numerous high honors including that of the See of Paris.

Friday, January 30.—St. Bathilde, Queen was an Englishwoman who was carried over to France while quite young and sold as a slave to Erkenwald, Mayor of the Palace under King Clovis II. When she grew up the King took her for his royal consort. The King gave her his sanction for the protection of the Church and on his death she became Regent of the Kingdom. In this capacity she promoted the cause of Christianity and established many hospitals and religious houses in France. When her son Clothaire became old enough to take over the reigns of government she retired to a convent at Chelles. She died in 680.

Saturday, January 31.—St. Marcella, widow, after the death of her husband consecrated the remainder of her days to God and lived in a most abstemious manner. When the Gothe under Alaric entered Rome in 410 the Saint was cruelly scourged in an attempt to make her reveal the hiding place of treasures she was believed to possess. Her entreaties, however, prevailed upon the barbarians to spare her spiritual daughter Principia. She died shortly afterwards.

There is no disputing the proposition that "the most flagrant violator of the prohibition laws is the drinking man who talks and votes dry,"—a fine example of the genius hypocrite.

Secretary Hughes will be a splendid news source, either out or in official life.

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BIRTH CONTROL CONDEMNED BY BISHOP HICKEY

Warns Parents Against Evils Of Bad Movies, Literature And Public Dance Halls,

The annual banquet of the Holy Lesson, Sin, scandal and violations of the commandments of God are portrayed to the youth of the land in the basement of the church in who necessarily will imbibe false ideals and be taught the ways of iniquity at the most critical period of their lives.

An interesting talk on criminals and criminal court practices was their lives. Given by Judge William Allen of New York city, who is a judge of the Court of General Sessions. Bishop Hickey spoke in part as one of the greatest sources of evil to our young people. Fathers and mothers feel that their sons and daughters must frequent the dance and present. Rather do I speak and the dance hall with its late of the leads of the hour, of the time, hours and often unwholesome conditions in which we actually viroment just because the children of their neighbors are doing it. A freedom of our day are very different from those of 30, 40 and 50 years ago, nor can we go back to the old days, those earlier days. But at least we And what is the result of our conditions today? A story to sad to remedy them. And so, looking down upon Ruined lives, heart into the faces of you fathers of fam-broken parents and public scandal illes, you husbands of wives, and only too often result from and fo-children, I take this opportunity to low in the wake of the dance craze speak to you as one with authority among our young.

Finally I wish to make an appeal from God. We are confronted today with so for a restoration of the true home conditions which our men and which, after the sanctuary of the women must meet and must deal church, should be the sweetest and most seriously. The currents of so-holdest spot on earth. It is an abode of life and social activity are rush- made up of humans—father, mother and children, who should be living to resist them and to deal with in peace and happiness with God as them. Only the other day it was call- the chief factor in their domestic life. Furniture, flowers, shabby nature containing propaganda for and the like only serve to adorn the birth control was being sent into the home but by no means make a homes of the women of our city home. Today our homes in many Now, while I have no disposition or cases are but mere boarding-houses attention to enter into an argument whose members are constantly seek- or controversy, nevertheless I wish- ing amusement outside of the fam- to take occasion to protest and warn- ly circle. When evening comes, the emphatically all concerned against question arises, where shall we go having or reading any literature tonight? Hence it is not too much that has for a purpose the sanction to say that the modern home, to a of birth control immediately I hear great extent, has lost its magic, has an approving answer coming back developed a cold atmosphere and from every person present. someone is to blame. Parents should

Again I would warn fathers and see to it that their homes are made mothers against the dangerous and cheerful and attractive so that he- immoral literature of the day which children will enjoy the hours spent only too often is found on our news there and will not be seeking un- stands, in our book store and even wholesome or questionable amuse- ment times in our public libraries. All went outside of the family circle. such reading is not fit to be found. Take this message to your homes in a Christian family and in a and through you may it be extended Christian home. It is veritable poi- to the thousands and ten of thou- sand for the minds of the young. Nor- sands of others so that a new sense should parents take it for granted may be aroused in our people to a that what their children are reading higher, truer and nobler realization is right. They must know that it is of duty. I appeal to you in His name under whose auspices we have

A charge has also come over the- gathered to do your duty calmly, theater of our day so that it is not deliberately and faithfully towards too much to say that theatrical pres- yourselves and your families. Yours entations on the screen and on the is a grand mission, to raise the stan- stage are a moral menace to the dard of home life and through it the young people of the land. Nor do citizenship of this glorious republic. I hesitate to proclaim it because it We love our country, we love our is only too true. False ideas are in- church, we love our city. Let us culcinate, human passions are glori- render the best proof of it by living and the paths of crime and sin up to our ideals as true members of are pointed out to young boys and the church and thus become worthy girls on the plea of teaching a moral citizens of these United States."

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