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Register! Vote!

It is the duty of every resident of the city, who is eligible, to register so that he may be qualified to vote at the coming election.

On January 1, 1928, Rochester enters upon a new scheme of municipal government. In place of a Mayor at the head of the government with a Board of Aldermen as a legislative body, a Board of Estimate and a financial body, and an elected comptroller and treasurer, is substituted a Council of nine members to act as the city's legislative body.

Political parties have made nominations for Councilmen and the citizens must make choice of the men and women best qualified to exercise these great powers.

Social Service.

Under one title or another "Social Service" is entering into all walks of life and trained social workers are recognized in the list of professions.

The Rev. Miles J. O'Malley, S. J., dean of the Graduate School of Fordham; Martin Conboy, George H. Derry, president of Marygrove College, Detroit; Edwin J. Cooley, chief probation officer of the Court of General Sessions, New York; the Rev. Bryan J. McEneaney, director of the division of children, Catholic Charities, New York; the Rev. Edward Robert Moore, Ph. D., director, division of social action, Catholic Charities; Bernard J. Fagan, chief probation officer of the Children's Court; the Rev. Edmund J. Burke, S. J., professor of economics at Fordham University; Miss Jane M. Hoey, assistant director, Welfare Council of New York; Dr. John A. Lapp, former president of the National Conference of Social Work; Rose J. McHugh, director of field study, National Catholic Welfare Conference; Dr. Raymond Moley, of Columbia University; Thomas F. Mullaney, port director of New York, bureau of immigration, National Catholic Welfare Conference; E. Frances O'Neill, executive secretary of Catholic Charities of Newark; and Dr. James J. Walsh, professor of physiological psychology at Fordham University. Father Fortier is chairman of the advisory council.

Mission Sunday is here again. Let us give generously so that the Missions in foreign lands may be supported and their number increased.

Rochester's Catholic Women's Club is fast winning its way as a valuable addition to the city's civic organizations.

While that old veteran, James L. Hetchins, of course, is charged with defeat in his party primaries, we surmise that it was at the hands of such a younger chap and fighter as John E. Lay, better known to his friends as Jack.

Chief of police Andrew J. Kavanagh wears his new honors modestly.

Mr. McEneaney looks like a last-minute addition to Rochester's political arena.

Child Rights.

While there is a deal of balderdash written and published about the rights of the child in this latter day, Dr. Frank Howard Richardson in a recent article stresses one right to which the child is entitled and that is the right to a religious background.

"A perfectly reasonable demand that our child may make of his home is that it help to provide him with a reasonable, working, religious background, against which to create his own personal religious faith. While parents who say they are going to leave their children free to choose their own creeds and their own faiths when they come to years of discretion are animated by an admirable sense of fairness, one might, with quite as much sense and practicality, decide to teach his child no language at all, leaving him free to choose as a mother tongue French, German, English, or Japanese, when he was old enough to choose with discretion. We are prone to lose sight of the fact that man is incurably religious; and that the child will have a religious life and a religious experience, whether we help him to attain it or whether we force him to grope about unaided.

Another right of a child mentioned by Dr. Richardson is one which is too often disregarded in the modern time. It is the right of the child to have sisters and brothers. On this point Dr. Richardson says: "In this day of one-child families, the child may well demand of his parents that he be given sisters and brothers. The 'only child' is such a special problem, such a solitary soul, that any infant might wisely pray to be delivered from such a fate."

Right Place!

While one agrees not often with Arthur Brisbane in all that he writes or says while speeding across the continent in fast overland trains or flying in aeroplanes we fancy many of our readers will agree with Arthur in these strictures against a recent transatlantic aeroplane flight:

Ruth Elder, courageous young Florida girl, is safe on a ship that plucked her out of the ocean.

The nation will hope that Ruth Elder and other girls will stay on the ground hereafter, or do their flying over land, and let men like Lindbergh, if there are any like him, do the ocean flying.

Columbus' job was for a man and so is the job of ocean flying.

The Greek philosopher, jumping into the mouth of a volcano to attract attention, was brave, but foolish.

It is folly in anybody but a lion tamer to enter the lion's cage.

New Heating Methods.

One of the coming innovations, indeed it is here, is the substitution of a heating unit in place of the time-honored coal. Oil has supplanted coal to a great extent in ocean steamers and in many industrial plants.

Oil and gas are coming into use for heating homes. The Rochester Times-Union thus discusses the future of home-heating:

According to a statement issued by the Oil Heating Institute, sales of oil heating equipment last year amounted to over seventy-five million dollars.

Meantime gas companies are making a drive for customers for gas for household heating. This refers to heating with manufactured gas, heating with natural gas being nothing new in the limited areas having a supply.

Predictions are frequently made that electricity will ultimately be used for heating, but those who make them appear to have more enthusiasm than grasp of the engineering principles involved.

Both oil and gas are readily subject to automatic regulation, do away with handling of ashes and fuel, and reduce dust to a minimum.

It is not surprising that these advantages appeal to those who can afford them. And in view of the limited and closely-controlled supply of anthracite, coal users should benefit by introduction of competitive fuels.

New York State's first woman secretary of State evidently followed precedent as a practical politician who "took care of" personal and political friends.

Recent happenings have made known to Rochesterians that many more world used products than they ever knew are made right here in Rochester and of a superior quality, too, to those they have been using and which were made abroad.

The Catholic Journal's Calendar number has met with words of praise and approval on all sides. It is an annual journalistic contribution looked forward to with interest.

Cost of Sickness.

We cannot be sure when sickness will overtake us or that necessity will compel us to seek hospital service. Hence everybody is more or less interested in this editorial in a recent issue of the Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle":

If one has plenty of money, hospitals offer expert service which is generally conceded to be worth what it costs. If one has very little money, hospitals offer expert service at very little cost or gratuitously. But if one has an income sufficient to get on comfortably under ordinary circumstances, but not sufficient to meet emergency hospital costs, the expert service of hospitals presents a problem. This is the burden of an article in the Atlantic Monthly by Anne Miller Downes. She sums up her argument thus: "The best medical service is available only to the very rich or to the very poor. The great middle class are not rich enough to buy the best nor poor enough to accept charity."

Mrs. Downes shows plainly that she does not hold the medical profession responsible for this condition; she declares that doctors are among the kindest and least greedy of all professional men and women. Nor does she believe that hospitals charge unreasonably for the service they give. Certainly the average of income of hospitals is not unreasonable in view of the number of people receiving service. It is the fact that the average must be made with a great amount of gratuitous service or service at much less than cost which makes the difficulty.

A group of doctors in New York are making ready to found a hospital at which charges will be based directly on the incomes of those received for treatment. A majority number of beds will be reserved for people of moderate means. Mrs. Downes declares that some such means of regulating hospital charges is needed throughout the land, if society is not ready to shoulder the cost of the hospital as a parallel necessity to the school, which latter condition she believes will come.

A Boston newspaper correspondent suggests one remedy. He says that he has learned from experience that the middle class, compelled to pay for hospital service, quickly enters the class of the very poor and thus the problem is solved.

Not One Sided.

For a time it looked as if the entire press of the United States either had been hoodwinked by the Calles propaganda or was in league with his warfare on the Catholic Church in Mexico. The "Herald Tribune," the Washington "Post" and the New York "World" are differing with their journalistic brethren of the United States. Speaking editorially the "Herald Tribune" says: "It is persuaded that President Calles of Mexico is telling the truth about the 'revolt' he has announced in his country. It inclines rather to the view that Calles has merely executed a political coup. It says: 'Reports from Mexico City in the last forty-eight hours indicated that a revolution against the government had been started and suppressed. Further details were that General Serrano, the leading rival of General Obregon for the Presidency, was responsible; that he had been captured, court-martialed, found guilty and executed.'

"Anybody who wishes to believe this story is correct is at liberty to do so. To us it seems a rather ingenious variation of the former method of shooting a troublesome rival and then announcing that he, while a prisoner, had tried to escape. Though a censorship prevents us from knowing many of the facts, it does not seem reasonable to us that a candidate standing a good chance of election should start a revolution before the ballots were counted. It is hard also to believe that an active revolutionist would be so foolish as to conduct operations under the very noses of the federal authorities, accompanied by a few friends and no army."

"Mexico has been the victim of misrule for a long time. The latest news from south of the Rio Grande does not offer any hope of improvement in the immediate future."

Senator James A. Reed of Missouri is a forceful speaker, a vigorous opponent of bigotry, but the very forcefulness of his personality and his terrible intolerance of all restraint may operate against his election to the Presidency.

Our old friend Joseph P. MacSweeney is in the forefront of the peaceful campaign to promote consumption in Rochester of Rochester-made products while Brother Leo is promoting insurrection and successful revolution in local politics.

Cyril J. Statt's election as faithful navigator of Rochester Council, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, is a deserved recognition of faithful service rendered by a fine Catholic gentleman.

While the New York State Industrial Safety Congress is to be held in Buffalo this year, Rochester is vitally interested in industrial safety and accident prevention so Rochester's industrial plants should be represented in goodly numbers at the Buffalo Congress.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, October 23.—St. Theobald, martyr, who was inhumanly tortured before being slain because he assembled the Christians at Anloch after the churches had been closed by Julian, an uncle of the emperor of that name and like him an apostate.

Monday, October 24.—St. Magliore, Bishop. When the father of his cousin, St. Sampson was cured by prayer Magliore and his father and another and two brothers gave all their goods to the poor. Magliore entered a monastery and succeeded Sampson's Abbey of Dole and Bishop. He died in 575.

Tuesday, October 25.—Sts. Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs, went from Rome to Gaul in the third century and there preached the faith with marvelous results. They were cruelly put to death after a complaint had been lodged against them.

Wednesday, October 26.—St. Evaristus, pope and martyr. He succeeded St. Anacletus and governed the See of Rome for nine years. To him is ascribed the institution of the order of cardinal priests. He died in 112 and was buried near the tomb of St. Peter.

Thursday, October 27.—St. Frumentius, who while a child on a voyage to Ethiopia with his uncle was captured by barbarians who put to death all save Frumentius and his brother Edesius. He was raised in the King's court and on the death of the monarch received freedom. At the request of the Queen, Frumentius remained at the court. He gained many converts.

Friday, October 28.—Sts. Simon and Jude. Simon was a simple Galilean called by Our Lord to be one of the pillars of His Church. Armed with great zeal he went forth to the combat against unbelief and sin and made conquest of many souls. St. Jude was a brother of St. James the Less. He preached first in Mesopotamia and later he and St. Simon met in Persia where they won their crown together.

Saturday, October 29.—St. Narcisus, Bishop, was consecrated Bishop of Jerusalem about the year 180. One Holy Saturday when there was no oil in the lamps for the Paschal feast, the Saint told the faithful to draw water from the neighboring well and praying over it told them to pour it into the lamps. It changed into oil. The Saint was falsely accused by three enemies and withdrew secretly to the desert. But his accusers were confounded and suffered the terrible penalties they had called down upon themselves if their accusations were proved untrue, and God called Narcisus back to Jerusalem to resume his office.

Catholic Radio Company in Spain

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Madrid, Oct. 10.—In opposition to the attempted monopoly of the radio industry in Spain by interests of a rather anti-religious tendency, a Catholic radio company and broadcasting station have been established by Luca Sanchez Cuesla, under the name of the S. A. Radio-Espana, E. A. J.

Among the organizers of the company are the Cardinals of Toledo and Tarragona, the Bishops of Saragozza and Madrid-Alcala, the president of the Central Union of Catholic Action, and other distinguished personages. On the directing board is a Catholic censor appointed by the Bishop of the diocese of Madrid-Alcala.

"Ave Maria" In 150 Tongues Written In Holy Land Church

Jerusalem, Oct. 14.—On the hill of Rafat, some 30 miles from Jerusalem, the Latin Patriarchate possesses a big expanse of fields and meadows, which it had entrusted for three or four years to the cultivation of several native farmers under the direction of some religious of the Italian Congregation of Don Orione.

On the very top of the hill, Monsignor Barlassina has now built an orphanage for the boys of his missions in Palestine and in Transjordan, who will be taught the practical science of agriculture. In the center of the building, a large church was constructed, which is intended to become a sanctuary in honor of Mary under the title "Queen of Palestine." Among the decorations of the church there are figures of angels throwing long ribbons on which the words "Ave Maria" are written in 150 different languages.

Nymegen University Begins Fifth Year

Louvain, Oct. 10.—The young Catholic University of Nymegen, Holland, opened its doors for the fifth academic year last Tuesday. The new rector is Dr. Van Ginneken, S. J. Last year the school registered 356 students, an increase of 29 over the preceding year. Because the faculties of medicine and of sciences are as yet wanting in Nymegen, the relatively small attendance is regarded as satisfactory for little Holland, which has no other universities.

Cult of Nude Denounced

By German Medical Society,

Following Lead of Bishops

By Dr. Frederic Funder (News Service)

Vienna, Oct. 10.—When the Austrian and German Bishops denounced bodily nudity, certain sections of the press were disdainful.

Now, however, one of the most distinguished medical bodies of Germany, following the lead of the Bishops, has come out openly and strongly against the practice. Furthermore, it has passed a resolution in which it warns that nudity, by killing the sense of shame, may bring about the most serious of bodily ailments.

Notably, these distinguished physicians declare, less of the sense of shame is one of the earliest indications of some kinds of mental disease.

The Bishops used Pastoral Letters as their weapons to fight the spread of the cult of the nude. They denounced specifically extreme fashions, certain forms of athletics and certain dances. There was an inclination in some quarters to regard their words as mere pious preachments.

Some of the disdainful editors, however, are taking soberer thought from the physicians' declaration. It is made by the Managing Committee of the German Medical Union for Social Ethics, at the head of which

is Professor Abderhalden, eminent member of the faculty of the University of Halle.

The resolution condemns in strong terms the rapid increase of shamelessness, and also the profligate nudity of modern theatrical productions. After calling attention to the connection between loss of shame and some diseases, it continues:

"The German Medical Union for Social Ethics deems it its duty to call upon the medical men of Germany to take an energetic attitude against the ever-spreading aberrations of the cult of the nude.

"It must be made clear to the people that serious dangers are here threatening, in a moral and therefore also in a sanitary respect. It is our duty to point out also that a hygienic culture of the body can be carried on in a sufficient and perfectly serviceable manner without complete denuding of the body.

"We must declare clearly that the sense of shame—in its natural and legitimate form, not an unnatural prudishness—must at any cost be preserved and respected, for we see in this sense the expression of self-respect of the personality. To destroy this sense, means destruction of the moral fundaments of the personal life."

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Belgian Sister Medical Scholarship

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Brussels, Oct. 10.—For the first time, a travel scholarship for Belgian doctors has been won by a religious—Sister Jules-Marie of the Order of Sisters of Charity and formerly a nurse in the Belgian army. Sister Jules-Marie passed a brilliant examination for her degree in medicine from the University of Louvain, and won the competition for the scholarship. She will not use it for travel, however, and has joined the faculty of the nursing school established by the Sisters of Charity at Ghent.

It has been remarked that although Sister Jules-Marie's achievement is a unique one in Europe, a number of American religious have for a long time preceded their European Sisters in obtaining academic and scientific degrees.

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