

Around the Diocese

ELMIRA

Father Mathew Society Plans Smoker, Nov. 12

Elmira, Nov. 8.—Now that the 13th Amendment has succeeded in reaching large numbers of a people in America than ever before, the Father Mathew Society in this city will therefore enter upon an active season, and will be holding a big smoker on Tuesday evening, November 12th. An excellent program has been arranged with speakers, entertainment and refreshments. Members and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

Among the speakers will be Thomas P. Bennett, Attorney General; O'Dea and Owen Crayton; Joseph F. Riley, director of City Recreation, will be in charge of the entertainment program. Daniel J. Birmingham, Jr., will be toastmaster.

The following committee has charge of the affair: Philip Sullivan, J. V. Spraker, Jack McCarthy, Frederick Gardner, Ronald Phillips, Edward Riley, Charles Baker, Edward Rourke, Francis Mack, James Smith.

Court St. Rita, C.D.A., Held Party Thursday Evening

Elmira, Nov. 8.—A benefit card party was held last evening by Court St. Rita, Catholic Daughters of America, in its room on East Church Street. Miss Jane Wipfler was chairwoman of the event, and the party was a good success, the attendance being large and the evening a very pleasant one.

The Court also held a costume party on Thursday evening of last week. About 75 members attended. Mrs. John Aseline was general chair-

CLIFTON SPRINGS

Class Confirmed By Bishop Walsh Sunday Afternoon

Clifton Springs, Nov. 8.—A class of more than 50 children received confirmation here Sunday afternoon in St. Felix's Church, of which the Rev. James M. O'Boyle is rector. There was a capably congregation present. The Rt. Rev. Eugene M. Walsh, D.D., Bishop of Charleston, S. C., officiated. Co-consecrating Bishop O'Boyle of Rochester.

The local Holy Name Society formed a board of honor and escorted the Bishop from the rectory to the church. After administering the Sacrament Bishop Walsh spoke to the children on the importance of the Sacrament, and he closed by requesting that each one take the pledge of abstinence from intoxicating drinks until the age of 21. This was taken by the entire class. The services closed with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, celebrated by Rev. M. C. Wall of Canandaigua. The following priests were in the sanctuary: Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart of Rochester, vicar general of the diocese; Rev. Edward Simpson, Phelps; Rev. J. J. Ganey, Newark; Rev. E. J. Dwyer, Palmyra; and Rev. John A. Napier, of Shortsville.

Former Elmira's Wed In Syracuse

Elmira, Nov. 8.—Miss Gertrude McAnoy and John Kelly, of Syracuse, formerly of Elmira, were married in St. Lucy's Church, Syracuse, by the Rev. Father Sheridan. Miss Josephine Sullivan of this city and James Collins of Syracuse were the attendants. After a trip to New York, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly will make their home in Syracuse. Both are well known in Elmira. The bride was graduated from St. Joseph's Hospital Training School for Nurses in 1921. Mr. Kelly is a member of the class of '21 of St. Mary's Parochial School.

CALEDONIA

MARY A. MOORE

Caledonia, Nov. 8.—Miss Mary A. Moore, aged 68, died Saturday at her home in McIntyre Road. Miss Moore was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Moore. She was born in this town and her entire life was spent here. Her funeral was held in St. Columba's Church and was attended by many friends.

KING FERRY

MISS ROSE A. RILEY

King Ferry, Nov. 8.—Miss Rose A. Riley died at her home here last Sunday. Her funeral was held from the home at 9:30 on Wednesday morning, and at 10 o'clock in the Church of St. Mary of the Lake. Rev. Michael H. Groden, rector of the Church, celebrated a Requiem High Mass, and there were many friends present at the service. Interment was in the Catholic Cemetery here.

HORNELL

Joseph Solo, 74, Dies

Hornell, Nov. 8.—Joseph Solo, aged 74, of 106 Elizabeth Street, died at his home Sunday morning. He is survived by his wife, five sons, John of Buffalo, and Carman, Angelo, Lewis and Humbert of this city; four daughters, Mrs. Andrew Coradens of New York City, Mrs. Peter Natalizio of DuPine, and Mrs. Angela Ciancetti and Mrs. James Messina of Hornell. His funeral was held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Ann's Church. Interment in St. Ann's Cemetery.

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AUBURN COMMUNITY CHEST COMMENDED BY BISHOP O'HERN AS WORTHY OF CITY-WIDE HELP

He Says Community Chest Cultivates Better and Friendlier Relations Between All Citizens and Does Great Good For Christian Charity

Auburn, Nov. 8.—A city-wide campaign for the Auburn Community Chest opens here today, and will come to a close on November 13. Teams have been organized to canvass the entire city, and it is expected the campaign will be a great success. A splendid boost has been given to the Campaign by the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, in a letter to Ralph H. Stahl, executive secretary of the Chest. The letter, written in response to a request for a statement by Mr. Stahl, is as follows:

"Dear Mr. Stahl:

"Your kind letter of October 23rd at hand, and I hasten to acknowledge the same.

"I am glad to lend my voice in support of the coming campaign for the Community Chest in your beautiful City of Auburn which has always been very dear to my heart.

"The movement of financial charities through the Community Chest is one which has grown by leaps and bounds in the past few years, and has accomplished much for the development of a community spirit as also for the sweet cause of Christian charity.

"Men of All Creeds Join

"In such an undertaking, men of all creeds can join and work together in the spirit of civic welfare and of fraternal good fellowship, knowing as they do that the cause is a commanding one, and its appeal should reach the heart of the community as no other appeal can.

"After more than 10 years of practical experience in our own City of Rochester, and after the most intimate knowledge of the workings of the Community Chest here, I can safely say that it has been a supreme blessing to the charities of Rochester and to the merchant citizens of Rochester. Through it, all charitable and welfare organizations have been financed so that they could function efficiently and economically while the merchants of the city have been spared a multiplicity of appeals and all the hardship which that entails. Moreover in that same period of time the subscribers to charity have increased from less than five thousand to almost one hundred thousand donors representing every walk in life from the ordinary tradesman, mechanic, laborer, to the people of means and wealth among our citizens.

"For Best Civic Interests


"Hence I would commend this campaign to the Catholic and non-Catholic citizens of Auburn alike, and would assure them that in supporting it they are doing something which will make for the best civic interests of your city, for the cultivation of better and friendlier relations between all classes of citizens, and last but not least, have a more efficient administration of your affiliated agencies in behalf of character building in the young, dependence in the aged, and alleviation of human suffering in the afflicted.

"Wishing you then the greatest success in your undertaking and assuring you we will watch the movement with great interest, I remain

"Yours sincerely in Christ,

"JOHN FRANCIS O'HERN,
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Father Mooney's Talk

sum of duties which arise from the knowledge of these truths, hence, we see that theoretic religion is the sum of truths which determine our relations to the Supreme Being, e. g., the truth of Creation to recognize God as our Creator and Master. Practical religion is the sum of duties which are derived from these relations to the Supreme Being, and prescribed by the moral law, e. g., the duty of adoring God as One on Whom we acknowledge our total dependence.

"Fundamentally, religion is concerned with the knowledge of God. It pertains to the intellect. Secondly, it is the carrying of out that knowledge. From this definition it is clear that religion primarily is not a matter of emotion or feeling. A man may experience a sense of joy and exultation in the acts of religion but such experiences, proper and praiseworthy as they may be, are not the basis of religious belief as viewed by a Catholic.

Quotes Harvard Professor
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At the Oxford conference of English Modernists in August, 1926, he said:

"I am well aware that to take religious experience as the basis of sound theology is extraordinarily dangerous. It is true that there is a school of psychology which is telling us that religious experience is merely a subjective reaction which has no ultimate significance for any of us; it is merely a kind of thrill.

"I might add that in the history of religious experience there has been the source of wild superstitions. The fact cannot be too strongly or too often insisted upon that Catholicism is a system based on reason. In the Catholic Church there has ever been a constant insistence on certain great fundamental principles which are the root of true thinking and therefore all true progress.

The Fundamental Truths

"What are those fundamental truths or principles which the Catholic Church so unflinchingly defends and heroically proclaims? They may be briefly stated under three headings:

"First—The supreme value of the soul as spiritual entity, created by God, with an immortal destiny.

"Secondly—The absolute supremacy of the moral law.

"Thirdly—The existence of the First Cause or God, and man's duty to Him.

"Every Catholic priest is obliged to study these questions very thoroughly, and his training is such that he is able to prove these principles by rational argument induced from the reasoning faculties of man. It must needs be, for these principles are the philosophical basis of supernatural religion.

A Sound Intellectual Basis

"In the Catholic concept of religion you will note that Catholicism (or the Catholic religion) includes three things—a system of philosophy, a code of morality, and a method of worship, all of which rest on a sound intellectual basis. It has been tested by nineteen centuries of criticism from the world's keenest minds, and on all the great problems—the existence and attributes of God, free will, life after death, the meaning of sin—it gives to the Catholic a solution which commands the assent of his intellect.

"Catholic theology weighs every doctrine in the balance of reason and admits only those doctrines which are clearly shown by Scripture or tradition to be part of Christ's revelation. In brief the Catholic faith, or the Catholic religion, in the objective sense, is the sum of truths revealed by God in Scripture and tradition which the Church presents to us in a brief form in her creeds.

"Subjectively, faith stands for the habit of mind or the virtue by which we assent to those truths."

The Authority of the Church

"It has been said that whoever is not persuaded by reason will not be convinced by authority. One of the greatest credentials of the Catholic Church is her authority. The question of the Church's authority is a very wide one, and tonight I can do no more than outline the subject.

"Catholics realize that in matters of faith and morals, the Church commands in the name and with the authority of Christ. Let us consider this point a little. Unless religion is the voice of God, it is only a mere expression of a man's views. We know from experience that a man's views may be right or wrong. But in certain matters which concern conduct, or justice, a man is convinced that certain principles of conduct are as true as God, and that a voice as sure as God's commands their application, he will gladly comply with their requirements. A doubtful obligation, however, is ordinarily no obligation. Since religion depends mainly on conscience for its observance, it is evident that a religion which does not reach the conscience is only a

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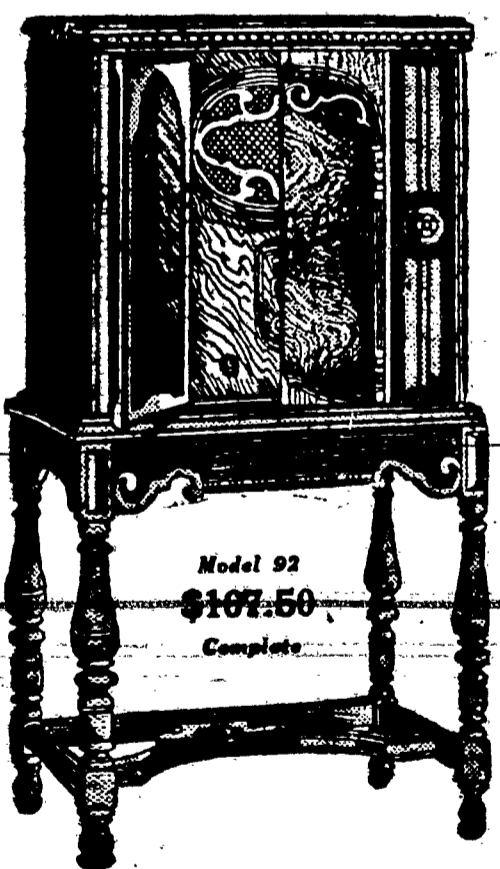
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