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K. of C. To Hold Big Fun Festival During February

The second annual Fun Festival of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, will be held in Columbus Auditorium opening on Washington's Birthday, February 22d, and closing on March 1st, it was announced this week by Dr. Walter B. O'Neill, chairman in charge. Preliminary meetings to arrange for the Festival are already being held on Wednesday evenings, and a "Bigger and Better" Festival is promised.

No solicitations of any merchants will be made this year, Dr. O'Neill says, and no donation of any kind will be asked. If any merchant would like to give merchandise, or if any Brother Knight wants to donate cash towards the success of the Festival, such donations will be greatly appreciated.

Long weeks of planning and much hard work is required in staging this affair. Knights are asked to give the committee all the help they can to make it a grand success. Proceeds will go into the Council Treasury.

Site Purchased For New Church In Irondequoit

The Diocese of Rochester has bought 16 building lots in the Lauriston addition tract, Irondequoit, as a site for a new church, to be erected in the near future. The lots extend from Brockley road to Brett Street, and they make a fine location. They were purchased from the General Realty Service, Inc.

The site for the church is between Winton Road North and Merchants Road, just half way between St. Ambrose Church in Empire Boulevard of which the Rev. Walter B. McCarthy is rector, and St. John the Evangelist in Humboldt Street, of which the Rev. John B. Sullivan is rector. It will serve members of a rapidly growing section of the city.

Rochester K. of C. Plans Open House On New Year's Day

Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, will hold open house on New Year's Day, as the Council has done for many years past. The club quarters on the second floor of the building will be used for this event, and the Council officers will be on hand to meet and greet the members. All Knights of Columbus are cordially invited to attend the open house, and it is expected that many hundred members will be present.

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The SUN RISES ON A NEW AGE

By Clara Agee Mays

NEW YEARS have dawned before but never a year as new, as strange, as tremendous as 1930.

With 1930 breaks the full sunrise of a New Age.

The years come booming in like tides breaking upon Humanity's hopeful beach. Each leaves its treasure of its dross and ebbs away toward the horizon of Time.

The year of 1930, as all who have vision can see, is the highest, the mightiest tide that has ever come towering into our port of Hope.

We can see gleaming in its diamond-like spray the promise that soon there will be no more poverty to chill the hearts of ragged mothers and to steal the laughter of children. The year of 1930 opens a new era in which the statesman, the economist, and (most important of all) the ordinary citizen will succeed in banishing want. In time there will be no hunger that shall want for bread, no cry of pain that will not be answered by ministering hands.

The tide of the New Age carries on its crest treasure chests of brotherhood's untarnishable gold, cargoes of enthusiasm.

We can hear in its thunderous advance the diapason of a new idealism.

Nineteen hundred and thirty should be a great year. We have all been made neighbors by the magic of wings and winged words.

In the New Year we will be more than neighbors. We will become good neighbors.

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Her New Year's Surprise

By Lily Rutherford Morris

GRACE DAVIS looked up from her office desk into the eyes of a strange young man. He was smiling down on her. "Would you please write me a letter tomorrow? I'm going home for the holidays, and here's my address," depositing a slip of paper before her.

Grace stared incredulously. "Such impertinence! I don't even know you!"

"I don't mean to be impertinent, really. I can't explain now why I'm making the request, but I will on my return after Christmas."

"But—"

"It is most important that I receive at least one letter from you. Say anything you wish, but please write."

He left without another word and Grace sat motionless, staring after him. There was no one in the office to talk to, so she just stared and wondered.

Finally, she picked up the slip bearing his address and read: "Ben Graham, Avondale, Kentucky."

Where had she heard that name before? Somewhere, surely. "He was a

nice looking chap anyway," she mused; "and there might be an honorable purpose back of the request. I think I'll give him a tryout."

It was a queer letter that Grace sent, but a nice one came back from Ben—so interesting that she sent another and was sorry that the holiday season lasted no longer. There was some doubt about knowing him afterward.

On January 1 Grace again looked up from her desk into the eyes of Ben, and again he was smiling.

"Happy New Year! I have come to explain," he said.

"Well, I'm waiting. Do satisfy my curiosity."

"That was a fraternity initiation stunt. I had to do it."

"Oh! Now I know why your name seemed familiar. You are in college here."

"Yes. One of the fellows knew you and picked you out for me to come to with that request. Am I to be forgiven for the 'impertinence'?"

"You are a good sport, Ben, and I'm for you!" holding out a hand which he eagerly seized, saying: "Happy New Year again! What about a dinner date for tonight?"

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Resolution Might Help

A young man asks a medical publicist what to do about a tendency to lose his balance in a dark room. Maybe he should have made a New Year's resolution.

Never Too Late

Any day is a good day to start the New Year right for persons who have not done so already.

The Catholic Courier and Journal
—A Paper that should be in every Catholic Home in Rochester.

Cardinal Merry Del Val Explains Preface of Books In Instructive Preface

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legitimate authority, and innumerable books. Once the Apostle of the Gentiles brought about through his zealous preaching—the public burning of superstitious books by the neophyte of Ephesus. Following the example of such a master the pastors of souls, chiefly the Sovereign Pontiffs, spared nothing to keep men reformed, not with corruptible things as gold or silver, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb unspotted and undefiled, from pernicious reading.

"From the Council of Trent that prohibited the book *Thalys Arlus*; from Pope Anastasius who condemns the works of Origen because they would have more easily injured the ignorant than helped the wise; from Leo the Great who, in Rome, having reproved the writings of Manichaeus, commanded the Spanish Bishops to rise against the books of the Pricillians, down to the letter lately emanated from the Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office against sensual and sensual-mystic literature, it is not possible even to give a list of all that the Holy See has done against the publications of the kind to the truth to be believed and to the moral rules to be practiced.

Church Must Censor

"And the Church could not behave otherwise, because, constituted by God the infallible teacher and supreme guide of the faithful, and being supplied with all the necessary and useful means for this purpose, it is her duty and consequently her sacred right to prevent error and corruption, under any masked form whatsoever, from entering to contaminate the flock of Jesus Christ.

"Nor can it be said that the condemnation of harmful books is a violation of liberty, a war against light and truth and that the Index of Prohibited Books is a permanent attempt against the progress of literature and science.

Church Protects Liberty

"Above all, it is evident that no one more valently than the Catholic Church teaches that man is gifted by the Creator with liberty and no one more than she has defended this precious gift of God against him who has dared to deny it or in any way to diminish it. Only people infected with that moral pest that runs under the name of liberalism can see wounds inflicted on free will in the brakes applied by legitimate power to licentiousness; as if for this reason man who is master of his own actions was authorized to do always what he likes.

"That great luminary Leo XIII has wisely written on this subject that 'Nothing more perverse and illogical can be said and imagined than the statement that man, as he is free through nature, therefore must not submit to laws. If it were so, the consequence would be that liberty need not be in harmony with reason; on the contrary, it is perfectly true that precisely because man is free by nature, he must be subjected to law.'

Bad Books Fascinate

"Irreligious and immoral books are sometimes written in a fascinating style. They deal with arguments that either pamper carnal passions or flatter pride of spirit; then, with studied artifices and cavils of every kind, always aimed at penetrating the minds and hearts of incautious readers. Therefore it is natural that the Church, that provident mother, with her opportune prohibition, should admonish the faithful so that their lips should not touch the facile chalice of poison. Not then through fear of light does the Holy See forbid the reading of certain books, but through the zeal with which God infuses her mind and heart of innumerable heretics, teaching the same experience that man, fallen from original justice, is strongly prone to evil and consequently has extreme need of protection and defense. Still, that the repression of bad writings is nec-

Christmas Party At The Church of The Annunciation

Sunday, at 3 P. M., the children of the Church of the Annunciation in Nelson Street, will be guests of the Catholic Women's Club at their annual Christmas party and tree there. About 400 children, who are the wards of the Club at its Summer Vacation School, will be entertained by the Club.

The program is in charge of Mrs. Edward J. Rooney, Mrs. Joseph E. Edgewood, Mrs. Charles Murray, Mrs. Joseph Coppinger, Mrs. Harry C. Wilson, Mrs. Joseph J. Judge, Miss Cecelia M. Yawman, Mrs. A. H. Metcalfe, Mrs. George Lomb, Mrs. E. C. Meyer, Mrs. A. J. Korn, Mrs. Frank T. Curtin, Mrs. Charles P. Hery, Mrs. Patrick D. Kane, Mrs. Thomas J. Cashman, Mrs. Thomas Bedford, Mrs. Joseph Cullane, Mrs. John E. Lyons and Miss Gertrude Hartnett.

Members and friends of the Club are cordially invited to attend the party and enjoy the tree with the children, at 3 P. M.

Announcement is made by Mrs. Joseph H. Eilers, Chairman of the Club Chorus, that the Chorus will not meet again for rehearsal until Tuesday, January 7th. Under the direction of Theodore Fitch, the Chorus will give its annual concert late in the Winter, when Madame M. Castellanos Taggart will appear as its soprano soloist.

Nazareth College

The annual play given by the Dramatic Club, has been planned for February 11 and 12. Preparations are now under way for it. Beatrice Welch, president of the Club, is in charge of arrangements. A committee has been appointed to take charge of the one-act play to be presented at the Mission meeting, January 9. The chairman of the committee is Virginia Kirsch, assisted by Lillian Rossenbach, Mary Eva Henner and Edith Fisher.

A reception and bridge were given by the French Club at the College on Wednesday, December 18. New members, selected from the Sophomore and Freshman Classes, were welcomed into the Club. The members were chosen at the suggestion of the various professors and with the approval of the Club.

essary for the public good and that it is consistent with just liberty, has been shown, above all in recent times, by the Governments, even the most civilized, who to safeguard the laws and the tranquility of order have even had recourse, with a vigor unknown to the Church, to preventive censor.

The Bible Not Prohibited

"But that which is not understood by many and in the judgment of non-Catholics constitutes the greatest abuse of the Roman—as they say—Curia, is the preventing of printing and using the Holy Scriptures in vulgar languages by the Church. And yet at the bottom it is only a calumny! For the first 12 centuries the reading of the Holy Letters was very familiar to the Christians, as appears from the Homilies of the Holy Fathers and from the sermons of the holy orators of the Middle Ages; nor did the ecclesiastical authorities ever intervene to stop it.

"It will be enough to recall to memory that in the 70 years that elapsed between the invention of printing and the publication of the German version of Luther, more than 200 editions of the Scriptures in the various current languages were dispersed amongst the peoples, duly approved by the Church.

Church Protects Scriptures

"Those who wish to give in preference the Holy Scriptures to the people without any control, are also the supporters of free examination, of which there is nothing more absurd or ruinous. The false paladins of the inspired volume, who think the Bible are only sources of divine Revelation, hurl their sarcasms and their banal insults against the Roman Catholic Church. But now it is clearer than the light of the sun that in the midst of the most different systems of heresy the canonized integrity of the Bible, as its divine inspiration, its unshaken historical and dogmatic truth are put more in doubt and boldly denied every day. And while the Holy Books are attacked on every part, precisely by those very people who pretend to find in them the sole base of the true Faith and on which they hope in vain to unite in holy bonds the various nests of the non-Catholic Babylon, one power alone resists and saves the Holy Scriptures from the threatened ruin, maintaining them intact in their primitive authority; that is to say, this Roman Church to whom God has entrusted them.

"All this has been written with the object of discrediting the difficulties that, proposed and upheld in such a way, might make an impression on the soul of some faithful Catholic. These words are addressed to the good children of the Church, to those devoted children who listen willingly to the words of the Good Shepherd, the cases of real necessity for whom the Holy See usually dispenses, will always scrupulously observe all the rules of the Index, abstaining from reading or even keeping books prohibited by the Church in any way.

"With the purpose therefore of facilitating the willing in the observance of such a very important duty, the Holy Father Pius XI, gloriously reigning, treading in the steps of so many of his illustrious predecessors, has ordered a new edition of the Index of Prohibited Books, which, after having been corrected and opportunely revised, is now published, provided with his same Apostolic Authority."

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