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ELMIRA

Rev. J. J. Bloomer, Beloved Pastor, 61 Years a Priest

Elmira, Jan. 10.—The Rev. J. J. Bloomer, V.F., dean of Elmira's Catholic clergy, recently celebrated the 61st anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Father Bloomer was ordained on December 19, 1868, and on Christmas morning he spoke of this fact to the people of his church. He said the congregation was composed of many of Father's parishioners, were children when he became pastor of the church. He spoke interestingly of the changes that have taken place in the parish during all these years, and he was heard with deep appreciation by his people.

Father Bloomer still enjoys good health, and is active in his work, though he has reached the unusual age of 88 years. He was born in Ireland on October 2, 1841. He came to America with his parents in 1845, escaping the terrible famine that then ravaged his native country. The family located in Philadelphia, where the future priest received his early education. Later he attended St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary, and was ordained on December 19, 1868.

In 1870 Father Bloomer commenced the work of establishing St. Patrick's parish, and in 1871 he erected a modest little church, which was displaced by the present structure in 1875.

Father Bloomer celebrated his Golden Jubilee in the priesthood on Dec. 19, 1918.

In all the years he has been in Elmira he has accomplished wonderful work for his church and his people, and has endeared himself to the hearts of all residents, irrespective of religious affiliations. His friends are hoping that he will be blessed with good health during the New Year, and by his presence and influence continue his uplifting work for religion and for God in this city.

K. of C. Council Gives 1st Degree To a Large Class

Elmira, Jan. 10.—Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, conferred the first degree of the Order upon a good-sized class of candidates in the K. of C. Home on Thursday evening this week. There was a large attendance of members, and the degree was given by the local officers with solemnity and beauty. The class is the first to be initiated in Elmira under the new selective membership program of the Knights of Columbus. It will be followed by other initiations preliminary to the exemplification of the third or major degree in this city early in February.

Couple Surprised By Church Choir

Elmira, Jan. 10.—A pleasant surprise was given by the choir of SS. Peter and Paul's Church Monday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo J. Hudson at their home on East Market Street. Singing and dancing were enjoyed, and supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson left Tuesday morning for St. Petersburg, Fla., to spend the Winter, and their friends hope they will have a happy time.

Married In New York On New Year's Day

Elmira, Jan. 10.—On New Year's Day Miss Anna Mae O'Leary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel O'Leary of South Main Street, was united in marriage to Dr. John A. Jenny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jenny of Barberton, O. The ceremony was performed in New York City by the Rev. Edward F. Leonard, pastor of St. Malachi's Church.

The bride wore a gown of eggshell crepe with matching hat, slippers and hose and also a corsage of orchids. Miss Margaret O'Leary, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Albert Jenny, brother of the groom, was the best man. Dr. and Mrs. Jenny left for a trip to Atlantic City. Dr. Jenny is professor of anatomy at Vermont University. Both he and his bride are well known, and will have the good wishes of all friends for a happy married life.

FUNERAL OF JAMES COLEMAN

Elmira, Jan. 10.—The funeral of James Coleman was held Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the family home, 861 Lake Street, and at 9:30 in St. Cecilia's Church. The Rev. J. A. Maley officiated. Burial was in the SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery. The bearers were Stephen Kelly, John Feehan, William Wynne, William Hart, Thomas Lyons and Richard Connelly. Many friends attended.

HORSEHEADS

MISS KATHERINE WALSH

Horseheads, Jan. 10.—The funeral of Miss Katherine Walsh was held from the family home, 110 Main Street, Horseheads at 8 o'clock last Saturday morning and in St. Mary's Church at 9 o'clock. A solemn high Mass was celebrated by the Rev. J. J. Killeen, assisted by the Rev. Raymond Lynn and the Rev. Herbert Sturmer. The bearers were Leon Steger, Thomas Kelly, John Kelly, Richard Consella, Michael Murphy and Joseph Winters. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Horseheads.

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AUBURN

John F. McGrath Makes Protest To the Governor

Auburn, Jan. 10.—Cheers [illegible] strongest boosters for Auburn, and Main Street, Monday evening. Despite one of the staunchest supporters of [illegible], was the scene of a gala lantern everything that helps keep up the morale. The holiday event was staged in split and pride of the people of the city under auspices of The Holy Name City, is John F. McGrath, president of the society of St. Patrick's Church and of the Cayuga County Democratic Committee. He recently wired the following message to Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt, to M. William Bray of the State Democratic Committee, and James J. Farley of New York, secretary of the State Committee:

"I wish to protest most vigorously the reports that the wardenship of Auburn Prison is to go to a non-resident of Cayuga County. For over 100 years it has been a Cayuga County job and should remain so. It is a reflection on Cayuga County to say that there is not a resident of this county capable of holding this position."

Many Auburn citizens feel the same as Mr. McGrath does, and they are hoping his message will be heeded.

K. C. Christmas Charity Helpful To Many People

Auburn, Jan. 10.—The Auburn Knights of Columbus presented a sum of $100 to each of the five convents in the city; sent a substantial sum to Mercy Hospital, to care for needy patients in the hospital, and another helpful sum to the Christmas basket fund of Court Auburn, C. D. of A. A check for $500 was sent to meet the semi-annual pledge of Auburn Council to the fund for the new Mercy Hospital, and sick or injured members of the Council were cared for in a fitting manner.

A splendid turkey dinner was served by the Auburn Knights on New Year's Day, with Michael Poole in charge of the event. A vaudeville and novelty program preceded the dinner, with George E. Pinckney at the head of the committee in charge. All State police stationed in the city were invited to the turkey dinner and entertainment, and all who could possibly do so were present and were most appreciative of the hospitality of the Knights.

MRS. LAWRENCE HATCH

Auburn, Jan. 10. — Lawrence Hatch, formerly a resident of this city and of late a resident of Welland, Ontario, Canada, died Saturday morning at her home after a long illness. Besides her husband, she is survived by seven daughters, the Misses Gertrude, Katherine, Betty, Louise, Elinor, Thelma and Dorothy Hatch; two sons, Merrill Hatch and Claire Hatch, and a granddaughter, all of Welland; four sisters, Mrs. Lyde Dunlap and Miss Margaret Shaw of Syracuse, Mrs. Roland Carris of Minnesota, Mrs. Frank Peck of Auburn; three brothers, James Shaw of Auburn, Michael Shaw of Missouri and John Shaw of Detroit, Mich.

The remains were brought to Auburn Sunday and funeral services held from the home of Mr. Hatch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hatch of 180 Perrine Avenue. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

MISS MARY S. MOONEY

Auburn, Jan. 10.—Miss Mary S. Mooney died last Sunday at Mercy Hospital after an illness of several years. Miss Mooney was a communicant of St. Mary's Church and a member of the Rosary and Altar Society of that parish. Surviving are one brother, Matthew Mooney of Buffalo; four nieces, Miss Bessie Mooney, Mrs. Alva Sparks, Mrs. Arthur Stebbins and Mrs. John Burke, all of Auburn; three nephews, James Mooney of this city, Henry Mooney of Rochester and Lewis Mooney of Chicago. Her funeral was held Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Church at 9 o'clock.

Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

MRS. MICHAEL FENNESSY

Auburn, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Michael Fennessy died at the family home, 8 Chapel Street at 5:30 Tuesday afternoon. She was taken ill on New Year's eve. Mrs. Fennessy came to this city when a young girl with her parents from Canada and has resided in the Western part of the city nearly all of her life. Since the erection of St. Aloysius Church she has been one of the most zealous workers in the parish.

She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Mrs. Robert Blakly of Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. James Walsh and Miss Evelyn Fennessy of this city; three sons, William of Rochester, Henry and Edward of this city; two sisters, Mrs. Josephine LaPointe of Auburn and Mrs. Elizabeth Race of Cayuga and one brother, Frank Brechue of Auburn.

Her funeral was held Thursday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Aloysius' Church and it was attended by many friends.

MRS. PIETRO SCIORTINO

Mrs. Pietro Sciortino died at the City Hospital Saturday noon after an illness of one week. She has been a resident of this city two years, coming here from Rochester, where she had resided nearly all of her life and was well known. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, two sisters and one brother in Rochester. The funeral was held from the family home, 39 Orchard Street at 8:30 Monday morning with services at St. Francis Church at 9 o'clock and was largely attended. A solemn high Mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Leo Jones, assisted by Rev. L. Ganhon of Corning as deacon, and Rev. P. Mola as subdeacon.

MORAVIA

Holiday Party Under Auspices Of the Holy Name

Moravia, Jan. 10.—Wadsworth Hall, one of the staunchest supporters of [illegible], was the scene of a gala lantern [illegible] The holiday event was staged in [illegible] under auspices of The Holy Name society of St. Patrick's Church and was largely attended, the hall being crowded with lovers of the diversion. Many came great distances to join in the festivities.

Selover's orchestra of Auburn furnished music. The floor was in fine shape, and the hall beautifully decorated. At the midnight intermission refreshments were served by the women of St. Patrick's, who are widely known by the fame of their culinary arts. Included in the crowd were many teachers and students home for the holiday, and young and old joined in the merrymaking.

Edward J. Colley headed the committee in charge of the event, the second of its kind in the history of the society. He was assisted by David Duggan, Thomas J. Neville, Philip Murphy, John Hefferenan, P. J. Murray, Mrs. Peter Ward, Mrs. T. H. Kenney, Mrs. Charles O'Neil, Mrs. Frank McDonald, Miss Elizabeth Duggan and Miss Mercena LaFave.

The Altar Society of St. Patrick's Church recently perfected its organization by the election of Mrs. Harry Dillon as president; Miss Margaret Colley, vice-president; Miss Kathryn Mahon, secretary, and Mary I. Ward, treasurer.

GENEVA

New High School Nearly Completed

Geneva, Jan. 10.—The annual collection in the Church of St. Francis de Sales on New Year's Day, a generous one, will go into the fund for the new Catholic High School. The two-story brick building erected in the rear of the former Church Home, is practically finished. A passageway connects it with the former Church Home, which was refitted so that several classes have been housed there since Fall. Work on the $50,000 brick addition was started last Summer. The new building will relieve both St. Stephen's and St. Francis de Sales parochial schools, so that these schools will be ample to take care of the grade pupils.

PALMYRA

Thomas Cunningham Buried On Wednesday

Palmyra, Jan. 10.—The funeral of Thomas Cunningham, veteran employe of the N. Y. C. R. R., was held in St. Ann's Church at 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning, and was largely attended. Burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery.

Mr. Cunningham died suddenly at his home at Vienna Street Sunday. He had lived in Palmyra all his life. On March 3, 1880, he entered the employ of the New York Central Railroad, and was retired on May 1 with a record of over 49 years of active service without having an accident occur to any of the men in his employment. Mr. Cunningham had been carried on the pension list of the company since last May. He leaves three sons, Thomas J. of Palmyra, Leo of Tampa, Fla., and William of Ohio; three sisters, Mrs. William J. Powell and Mrs. James Hurst of Palmyra and Mrs. John Carhart of Rochester.

SCOTTSVILLE

Church Supper On January 11th, Windom's Hall

Scottsville, Jan. 10.—A first-class sauerkraut supper will be served by the ladies of the Church of the Assumption in Windom's Hall on Saturday evening of this week, beginning at 5:30 o'clock and continuing until 9 o'clock. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the church, and the ladies in charge of the supper will make every effort to surprise and delight all patrons.

The supper will be open to the public, men, women and children, and a cordial invitation is extended to all people to attend. The Rev. Patrick J. McArdle, rector of the church, will be glad to welcome everybody to the supper, and he and his people are hoping the crowd will be a big one.

Nobleman Says First Mass; Aided By Sons; Family All Religious

Seville, Jan. 10—Count de Aldama, formerly Deputy from Granada, who forsook his position as a noble to enter the Salesian Order, celebrated his first Mass Christmas day, assisted by his two sons, both priests. His wife, who also has just taken religious vows, and two daughters who have been nuns for several years, were among those attendng the ceremony. Papal dispensation made it possible for the Count and his wife to enter the religious life.

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4,000 Children Given Communion At Mexican Altar

(By Special Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Mexico City, Jan. 10.—An important and impressive manifestation of the vitality of the Catholic Faith in this country is given in connection with the catechetical work, which, thanks to the efforts of a number of ardent Catholics, was never suspended, though it was carried on in the face of many difficulties and handicaps.

One of the most important organizations for the teaching of the Catechism is that which bears the name of St. Francis Xavier, the missionary who won so many souls for heaven during the Sixteenth Century. The organization maintains a large number of catechist centers so as to carry out a coordinated program of instruction almost everywhere in the city.

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, some 400 boys and girls were prepared to receive First Holy Communion at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the Most Rev. Pascual Diaz, Archbishop of Mexico City, was invited to give Communion. But the boys and girls who were specially prepared to make their First Holy Communion at this time came accompanied by other children who wished to share with them their joy on this occasion. The ceremony proved to be one of the most impressive that has taken place in Mexico since the renewal of public worship, and there was no interference on the part of the authorities.

4,000 Children Given Communion

In all, some 4,000 children received Communion on this occasion. It was impossible for all of them to approach the main altar without taking too long a time, and they were organized into various groups headed by Catechists, and a large number of priests were necessary to administer the Eucharist.

The organization bearing the name of St. Francis Xavier is not the only one in this City. There are such groups attached to a great number of the parishes, and by this means the Catholics are trying to instruct the youth of this country.

Another interesting event has been the pilgrimage that came from the Diocese of Zamora in the Southwestern State of Michoacan to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. More than 700 made the trip by special train. In an interview, the Rt. Rev. Manual Fulcheri y Pietra Sancta, Bishop of Zamora, said that he and the other pilgrims had made the trip in perfect safety and without the slightest disturbance by the authorities.

Limit on Priests in Zamora

The Bishop added, however, that he has met with some obstacles presented by the local government, one of which obstacles is the limitation of the number of priests that can officiate in the Diocese. Because of this restriction, the Bishop said, he is not able to meet all the needs of his flock. However, the Bishop feels that these conditions will gradually disappear, and he is quite happy.

Economic Justice Needed, And Not Birth Control

Boston, Jan. 10.—Urging economic justice, not birth control, as a cure for the evils of poverty, the Rev. John I. J. Corrigan, S.J., of Boston College, speaking recently during the Catholic Truth hour from radio Station WNAC, declared that "America has to fear under-population rather than over-population." He cited the situation in certain European countries where bonuses have been offered for large families, and subsidies for poorer ones, to offset "the evil effects of this anti-social practice."

Continuing, he said:

"Washington was one of 10 children; Napoleon one of 13; Shakespeare one of eight; Sir Walter Scott one of 11; Fenimore Cooper one of 12; Tennyson one of 12; Carlyn one of 10; Phillips Brooks one of nine; Catherine of Sienna, one of the greatest women of her day and generation, was one of 22 children, and Franklin, whom all Americans rightly honor, was the tenth child in a family of 13.

"What then are we to say to Mrs. Sanger's efforts and those of the American Birth Control League, to legalize the dissemination of anti-procreation information by repealing federal and state laws now opposed? These protective laws are the nation's one defense against the spread of moral corruption. To repeal them, or to impair anything of their vigor and force, would be national suicide."

Priest, Aged 94 At Ordination Of Nephew, Aged 66

Cologne, Jan. 10.—The Rev. Johann Karl Hoffmann, 94-year-old pastor of Eichelsdorf, oldest priest of his diocese, has just been present at the ordination of his nephew, the 66-year-old Dr. August Hoffmann, former Privy Counsellor of Germany. The ordination occurred at Wuerzburg in Bavaria.

The newly ordained priest was assisted at his first Mass by the Rt. Rev. Matthias Ehrenfried, Bishop of Wuerzburg. The Bishop also delivered a sermon in which he spoke of the great honor God had conferred upon bishop, clergy, and laity of the diocese and especially upon the neo-presbyter himself in calling to the priesthood a man of his age and importance.

The elder Father Hoffmann celebrated the seventieth anniversary of his ordination last August.

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Mr. Etheridge has been joined here by his wife and two children, and they are planning to make Rochester their home in the future. They like the city and its people, and Mr. Etheridge hopes to make a success of his new work. He is a capable and courteous salesman, has had wide experience, and all who know him will wish him the best of success.

'Tay Pay's' Successor Goes to Parliament

London, Jan. 10.—T. P. O'Connor's successor in the House of Commons as representative of the Scotland division of Liverpool is Alderman David Logan. As forecast by the N. C. W. C. News Service there was no opposition from the other parties and consequently no contest. Mr. Logan was the candidate of the Labor party. "T. P." always stood as a nationalist and his personal popularity secured the seat for him without contest for some years.

Logan is a Catholic and still identifies himself with several Catholic organizations. He was introduced in the House of Commons this week.

Catholic Pupils Win Three First Prizes

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 10.—Three of the four first prize winners in an essay contest just conducted by the Anti-Tuberculosis League of this city, and in which public, parochial and high school pupils took part, are pupils of St. Venantius' parochial school here, taught by the Sisters of St. Dominic.

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