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Around the Diocese

CORNING

An Evening In Realms of Music Greatly Enjoyed

Corning, March 7.—On Monday evening the music class, under the direction of the Sister who has charge of that work at the convent, presented its first musical recital, which was greatly enjoyed by the many friends who attended. The parish hall was beautifully decorated, and the stage, with its woods scene and many palms and ferns, was an excellent background for the young musicians.

Rounds of applause greeted the students after their interpretation of the numbers chosen for them. The recital attracted, and the "Katy" proved amusing, and also musical in their song. In fact, the various young students who have demonstrated their skill at piano and violin music proved so pleasing that it is hoped another recital will be given in the near future.

The following took part in the recital: Marion Kram, Paul Resbeck, George Koprak, Mary Holtzman, Bernard Fitzgerald, DeRond.

MORAVIA

100 New Chairs Bought By Church

Moravia, March 7.—St. Patrick's Church of this village has purchased 100 folding chairs, increased crowds at the many parties, conducted under auspices of the various church societies, made the purchase necessary. The chairs will be used for card parties at the rectory, dinners, and other parish events.

Party Was a Success

Moravia, March 7.—The dancing party given last Friday evening in the Owaseo hall, under auspices of the Young Men's Club of St. Ann's Church, Owaseo, was largely attended and proved a very enjoyable gathering. The music for a program of round and square dances was furnished by Carl Smith and his novelty orchestra. The club realized a snug sum from its second venture of this nature.

RUSHVILLE

KATHRYN G. HUNTER

Rushville, March 7.—The funeral of Miss Kathryn Grace Hunter, aged 17 years, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hunter, was held in St. Mary's Church here last Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The Rev. Joseph F. Dissett officiated and celebrated a requiem Mass. There were many friends present. Kathryn died on Wednesday, greatly mourned by all who knew and loved her.

McGovern, Mary and Jane Driscoll, Dorothy Zimmerman, Mary Sherman, Robert Gray, John Ginnane, Loraine Eckert, Robert Kavanaugh, Eileen Rotsch, Margaret Lipinsky, Robert Kavanaugh, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Franklin Ruff, Eileen Hultzman, Louise Woepffel, Mildred Durkin, Marion Dowd, Alice Driscoll, Clara Muttel, Mary Rohde, Evelyn Yost, Mary Jane Hawes, Florence Down, Elizabeth Hoffman, Julia Koprak, Helen Benz, Eileen Nares, Agnes Yacubick, Ann Lincoln, Anna Hanchousky, Elizabeth Rahilly, Blanche Down, Marion Cunningham, Geraldine Farrell, Eleanor Schenck, Anna Patrick, Margaret O'Neill, Pauline Melnychok, Helen Hultzman, Kathleen Flynn, Gretchen Hotchkiss, Elizabeth Cushing, Catherine Ciel, Elizabeth Young.

AUBURN

Rochester Priest To Speak Here on St. Patrick Mar. 16

Auburn, March 7.—Much interest is being taken in the coming panegyric on St. Patrick which will be delivered by the Rev. Joseph S. Cameron, of Rochester, in the Parish Hall of St. Mary's Church on Sunday evening, March 16. Very Rev. Dean McGrath announced Sunday at the Masses that residents of the city and surrounding parishes are invited to attend.

Auburn, March 7.—Every Friday evening, in the Auditorium of the new Holy Family School a card party is held to help decrease the debt of the school. These parties are largely attended by the friends of the church.

Auburn, March 7.—Court Auburn 623, Catholic Daughters of America, are enjoying their new home recently purchased, at 44 South Street. The home was socially opened on Monday evening last week, with a large card party under the auspices of the Officers and Board of Directors. Over 200 people were present and every one expressed admiration for the beautiful home. Parties were held nearly every afternoon and evening until Lent.

Wide Variety Of Happenings Along Many Lines

Rev. Father Conway, pastor of the Holy Family Church, announced Sunday that the Forty Hours' devotion would open in that church next Sunday, the first Sunday of Lent. Court Auburn, Catholic Daughters of America, is busy these days. Its home, recently purchased, has been the scene during the past two weeks of many pleasant gatherings. Sunday evening a lecture was given by Miss Ethel Bonker on her trip abroad. Miss Bonker's talk was instructive, and was illustrated with pictures of many interesting spots which she visited. She also gave vivid descriptions of the cathedrals in Italy. Several parties have been held, and plans are now being formulated for an initiation which will take place within a few weeks. Many applicants are waiting, and it is anticipated a large class will be ready when the date is finally set for the degree work.

On the fourth Sunday in Lent a mission will open at the Holy Family Church, in charge of the Dominican Fathers.

The people of St. Mary's Church are looking forward to the panegyric to be given on St. Patrick by Rev. Joseph Cameron of Rochester, on Sunday evening, March 16.

Branch 179, L. C. B. A., is holding its meeting in the New Home of the Catholic Daughters of America, and finds it very convenient.

Auburn Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knight of Columbus, is working on its annual banquet, which will occur at the Osborne House, March 17th. Dancing will follow the dinner. Joseph Heick, who has been appointed by Faithful Neighbors Frederick Welch as general chairman, has appointed his sub-committees and all are working to make this year's dinner dance the best yet.

K. C. PARTY GREAT SUCCESS

Auburn, March 7.—The annual formal ball of Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus, held last week, was attended by more than 700 people. Guests were present from all adjacent places, and from Syracuse, Rochester, Cortland and Oswego. It was one of the finest and most successful balls ever held in the city, and great credit is due to Chairman John J. Leo and his associate workers.

CHIMES OF NORMANDY CAST

Auburn, March 7.—James A. Hennessy, Auburn's well-known musical and dramatic promoter, announces his cast for the forthcoming presentation of the "Chimes of Normandy," to be presented in April, as follows: Conductor, Joseph Tallmadge; pianist, Kathleen Plunkett; characters, Lena Brooks Walker, Katherine Herron, Elizabeth Carroll, Marguerite Purdy Dennis, Ann Kirkpatrick, R. H. Betram Hole, William O. Gilboy, Edward W. Hubbard, Frank H. Steigewald, George S. Bailey, Harry Hull, Jr. Mr. Hennessy himself will play the role of Gaspard, the miser. There will be a chorus of 60 voices, an augmented orchestra and the costumes will be obtained from Tans, New York City.

CLYDE

Mrs. C. D. Burke, Aged 94 Years, Buried Monday

Clyde, March 7.—The oldest resident of Clyde, Mrs. Catherine Dunn Burke, was buried here on Monday morning. Her funeral was held at 9:30 o'clock in St. John's Church, with the Rev. Joseph V. Curtin, rector of the church, officiating.

Mrs. Burke was 94 years of age. She was born in Ireland, Nov. 16, 1835, and had lived here for 76 years.

She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Ellen Whalen of Clyde and Mrs. James H. Welch of Rochester; four sons, William, Edward, John and James, all of Clyde, and eight grandchildren.

ELMIRA

Fine Program By The Pupils Of St. Cecilia's

Elmira, March 7.—One of the finest entertainments given in Elmira in a long time by students of any school, was given last Sunday evening in the Gratio Park Theater by the pupils of St. Cecilia's School, under the auspices of the Sisters of Mercy. It was an annual production—a production that is always looked forward to with pleasure by the people of Elmira. A capably audience greeted the show, Sunday evening.

Revue of 1890 and 1930 were given. The production was written and directed by Mrs. Loraine Spellman, who has been directing the performances of the school for many years. She was assisted by Miss Gladie Riley of the Mlarky Dramatic School, Scranton, Pa.

The opening act was a "Revue of 1890", with talented performers appearing in old-fashioned costumes, giving old-time dances and musical numbers. Features included a waltz dance by Victor Hunt, "Cake Walkers", by 13 young people; impersonations of Lillian Russell, Nat Willis, Anna Held, Weber & Fields, etc., and variety features by an ensemble of 44 performers. All of these were splendidly interpreted, and they won hearty applause.

The "Revue of 1930", staged in Hollywood, was based on "The Juana", which is being produced in Hollywood. A playlet was cleverly combined with a musical program, and a comedy of the revue was unusual and excellent. A number of popular songs pleased immensely, such as "When My Dreams Come True", "Here We Are", "Avonlea Town", "Thinking of You", etc. This revue, like the first, won hearty applause, and all of the performers gave splendid interpretations to their parts. All in all, it was a show that won the hearts of the capacity audience, and that was a credit to the Sisters of Mercy and to all others interested in its production.

Music was furnished through the acts by Arnold F. Hager's orchestra.

Lenten Devotions In All Churches

Elmira, March 7.—Lenten services were held in all Catholic churches here on Wednesday and Friday evening this week, and will be held on the same evenings throughout Lent.

Rev. Maynard Connell, of Cornell University, will preach a series of Lenten sermons in St. Cecilia's Church on every Wednesday evening, speaking from the main topic "Christian Marriage." The services will begin at 7:45.

The Rev. Thomas Toole, M.A., Professor of Religion at Elmira College, will preach the Lenten sermons in St. Peter & Paul's Church, at 7:45 every Wednesday evening. Noonday services, lasting only 20 minutes, will be held every week day in this church at 12:10, consisting of Rosary and Benediction. At 7:45 every Friday evening there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Non-Catholics will be cordially welcomed to all these services.

Court St. Rita Pre-Lenten Events Well Attended

Elmira, March 7.—Court St. Rita, Catholic Daughters of America, held a delightful card party last Friday evening, with more than 200 in attendance. Mrs. Richard Longman was chairman, and she was assisted by the following:

Mrs. Edith Ealsey, Miss Mary Kelly, Mrs. Susanna O'Dea, Mrs. Catherine McCarthy, Mrs. Mary Lynch of Horseheads, Mrs. Ellen Honan, Mrs. T. B. Rhoades, Miss Lucy Frawley, Mrs. Elizabeth Pelly, Mrs. Mary Ruten, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Connell, Miss Loretta Ryan, Mrs. Katherine Marlow and Mrs. Marie MacNamara.

Minister Spoke To The K. of C.

Elmira, March 7.—The Rev. R. M. Wendell, rector of St. Luke's Congregational Church, was one of the speakers at a smoker given by the Elmira Knights of Columbus in their clubrooms on Thursday evening last week. He was warmly greeted by the Knights, and his remarks were received with appreciation.

The smoker was a great success. Paul M. Ewell, soldier in the German Army during the World War, related his experiences, and they were most interesting. The American Legion Glen Club sang.

William Osborne, Lloyd L. Welsh, Harry Metcalf and Walter Smith, comprising the Sterling Singers of this city, gave several selections. Mrs. Christine Moore was piano accompanist. Mr. Metcalf and Joseph E. Enright entertained with vocal solos. The Glen Club and Sterling Singers are directed by Lloyd L. Welsh.

GENEVA

Geneva, March 7.—William Kelleher, a retired farmer and a well-respected citizen, died at his home here on Monday, aged 59 years. His funeral was held on Wednesday in St. Stephen's Church, and it was largely attended.

Mr. Kelleher is survived by one son, James Kelleher of Geneva; several brothers, John Kelleher of Buffalo, Timothy, Michael, David, Martin and Frank Kelleher of Geneva, and George Kelleher of Syracuse.

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DANSVILLE

Sister Lidwina, Beloved By All, Buried on Tuesday

Dansville, March 7.—The funeral of Sister Mary Lidwina of St. Mary's convent, Dansville, was held from the chapel of the Motherhouse of the Order of St. Joseph, Pittsford, Tuesday morning at 9:30. The officiating priest was Rev. John G. Geck, chaplain at the Motherhouse, deacon; Rev. Thomas Duffy of Rochester, subdeacon; Rev. J. B. Krolley of Rochester, master of ceremonies; Rev. Michael Hyatt of St. Bernard's Seminary, acolyte. The clerkynia in the Sanctuary included His Grace, Archbishop of Viminianum; the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester; the Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara of Buffalo; the Rev. William Erick, C.S.S.R., of St. Joseph's Church, Rochester; the Rev. Arthur A. Hughes, pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, and the Rev. Leo G. Hofschneider, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Dansville. The large assemblage of nuns included those from Dansville.

Little Sister Lidwina, as people loved to call her, was 74 years old. She had spent the greater part of her religious life in Dansville—for a short period spent in a convent, and bordering on 40 years at St. Mary's convent, where she was in charge of the duties of the convent home. Nobly did she care for the needs of her nun companions while she trod the beautiful pathway of the "Perfect Life." Her devotion, especially to the Passion of her Divine Savior, was touching and inspiring. Notwithstanding her delicate health she would in the early morning hours daily preside her reception of Holy Communion with the "Way of the Cross." The holy life of this humble nun has been an inspiration to live always with God.

August 30, 1925, the golden jubilee of Sister Lidwina and Sister Francis Regis—another devoted and noble nun who had spent forty-seven years of her religious life in St. Mary's convent—was fittingly celebrated at St. Mary's Church. On the happy occasion the Rev. Leo G. Hofschneider, beautiful thoughts of the evangelical life and of the life work of the "Jubilarians," who under the standard of the order of St. Joseph for 50 years, in response to Christ's invitation, marched steadily on in the footsteps of the lonely Nazarine. The following day His Grace, Archbishop Mickey, then Rt. Rev. Bishop, conferred on them at Nazareth Convent, Rochester, the "golden crowns," of their jubilee. As a fitting memorial to the half century work of the Jubilarians the members of St. Mary's Church presented for installation in St. Mary's convent a beautiful High Altar of marble and onyx, with an inlaid frontal panel depicting the "Last Supper," a specially designed Exposition Throne and a golden tabernacle door on which was inscribed the names of the Jubilarians—the ideal nuns, who will ever live in the hearts of the members of the parish.

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KING FERRY

Lenten Sermons By Father Groden In Three Places

King Ferry, March 7.—The Rev. M. H. Groden, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Church, King Ferry, will give a series of sermons during the holy season of Lent in that church; also in St. Mary's Church, Auburn, and in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ithaca.

Father Groden, an interesting and inimitable speaker, has selected interesting topics in keeping with the season. His talks will be presented as follows:

- 1.—"The Meaning of Lent."
- 2.—"Is Faith Foolishness?"
- 3.—"Conscience and The Great Teacher."
- 4.—"The Christian Family."
- 5.—"Marriage and Divorce."
- 6.—"The Mass as a Sacrifice."
- 7.—"The Mass as a Sacrament."

Father Groden will be heard at King Ferry on Sunday evenings, at Ithaca on Tuesday evening, and at Auburn on Wednesday evenings.

EAST BLOOMFIELD

Young Men's Party Was Great Success

East Bloomfield, March 7.—The dancing party given by the Catholic young men in Grant Hall, Friday evening, February 23th, was one of the greatest successes of the season. The music, furnished by Dick Millman and his Challengers, was enjoyed by everyone, as was the beautiful supper served by the ladies. A neat sum was realized.

Price of a Wife In West Africa Drops to \$16.00

Fumban, West Africa, March 7.—The price of a wife in the region of Fumban, French Cameroons, West Africa, has been reduced to a minimum of 400 francs, approximately \$16, by decree of the Council of Native Chiefs. Formerly the price ranged as high as \$120.

Catholic missionaries look upon the new measure as most important in the social life of the people. Commenting on the decree, the Very Rev. Father, Prefect Apostolic of Fumban, declared: "The great interest in this measure lies in the fact that in this land of intense polygamy the price of wives was very high, ranging from \$60 to \$120, and only the nobles among the natives could afford the purchase of one or more wives. For this reason the number of polygams has been considerable. By fixing the minimum price at \$16, the poor man now affords to marry. While the measure is excellent, its application remains to be seen, for the poor ones may be the first to apply it."

A second decree forbidding the selling of young girls is looked upon by the Prefect Apostolic as most important.

"The decree is a veritable turning point in the history of the region. If the measure is applied, and the selling of girls is stopped, a young woman will be free to marry whom she will. Many native girls will no longer hesitate to become Christians, and our young men will be able to secure Christian wives."

The Prefecture of Fumban, with the Priests of the Cameroons, has a total population of 350,000.

CANANDAIGUA

Minstrel Show Made Helpful Sum For Parish School

Canandaigua, March 7.—A first-class minstrel show was staged in St. Mary's parish hall last week for the benefit of improvement fund for the parish school. The performers gave an excellent entertainment, and the attendance was good. The Rev. Michael C. Wall, rector of the Church, announced Sunday that a sum of \$450 had been realized for the school by the show. The production was a credit to all who took part in it.

CLASS OFFICERS NAMED

Elmira, March 7.—Officers have been elected by the eighth grade of St. Patrick's school as follows: Betty Hennosay, president; Eliza McTiernan, vice-president; Margaret Herchecker, secretary; Robert Burke, treasurer.