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The crowds inspected the store from top to bottom. Everybody was complimentary. Everybody was delighted. The members of the firm and the employees of the store were justifiably proud of the interest shown and of the compliments and congratulations received. The good will that is felt throughout Rochester and vicinity for this old-established and dependable store, and for its people, was strikingly evident all through the opening hours and days of the new store. There was a keen spirit of friendship shown—the priceless comradeship that is proof of the fact that the store and its management have won the confidence and interest of the community.

Meng & Shafer and all their employees are grateful to the public for their interest, their friendship and their good will. The two stores heretofore operated by this firm, one in the Powers Building, at State and Main Street West, and the other at 135 Main Street East, have been closed, and the store on East Avenue is the only one now operated in Rochester by the firm. Visitors will be cordially welcomed at all times, and will be gladly shown through the store and through the adjoining fur storage and manufacturing building on Euclid Avenue.

\$3,000 Is Willed To Catholic Cause By Non-Catholic

New York, April 4.—A Catholic charitable society and two churches will receive a total of \$3,000 from the estate of the late George W. Ellis 82, New York lawyer, who died February 28th. Mr. Ellis was a non-Catholic.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of New York is bequeathed \$1,000 for charitable uses. The two Catholic Churches, in Fishers, N. Y., Mr. Ellis' birthplace, receive like amounts.

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Ecumenical Council Call Expected to Come Next Year Reconvoing Council of 1870

Vatican City, April 4.—An event of preeminent importance to the Catholic world will occur in 1931, when, according to reliable Vatican sources, Pope Pius intends to reconvoke the Ecumenical Council, whose work was interrupted by the confiscation of the Papal States in 1870. According to the same sources, the Pope is now engaged in preparing an encyclical which will be published at the end of his jubilee year next June announcing the event.

The Ecumenical Council of 1870 was the 20th in the history of the Church. It met on December 8, 1869 and lasted until July 18, 1870. There were present at this Council six Archbishops-Princes, 19 Cardinals, 11 Patriarchs, 680 Archbishops and Bishops, 28 Abbots, 29 Generals of Orders, a total of 303. This Council, summoned by Pope Pius IX, and it was extremely important, as it marked the ratification of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, which had been proclaimed by the Pope in 1854, and also the proclamation of the infallibility of the Pope.

This is not the first time the possibility of reconvoing the interrupted Ecumenical Council has been mentioned. As soon as the Lateran

Supreme Knight Here April 27 For 4th Degree

Martha H. Carmody of Grand Rapids, Mich., supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, will come to Rochester for the first time on Sunday, April 27, to take part in the celebration of the Fourth Degree on a class in the Fifth New York District, headed by the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester. He will be accompanied by William J. McGinley, Supreme Secretary of the order.

Supreme Knight Carmody will preside at the Fourth Degree explanation, which will take place in the ballroom of Columbus Civic Center. Following the degree, a formal banquet for Fourth Degree knights will be conducted in the auditorium. The Supreme Knight will be one of the principal speakers.

Applications for the Fourth Degree are being received by a committee headed by John W. Callaghan. It is estimated that more than 100 will take the degree from Rochester and Monroe County, and an additional 150 from the following other counties in the fifth New York district: Onondaga, Cayuga, Livingston, Ontario, Oswego, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates.

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The St. Francis Society Will Meet On 7th of April

The next meeting of the St. Francis Charitable Society will be held on Monday evening, April 7th, in the Columbus Civic Center Building. Tuesday is the regular meeting night, but because of the public mass meeting in Convention Hall that evening to protest against religious persecution in Russia the meeting has been advanced one night.

Names Committee For Rummage Sale For Building Fund

Mrs. Winfield S. Garland, Chairman of the Rummage Sale for the Mother Irene Building Fund of Mercy Guild, to be held April 14th and 15th at Clinton Avenue North and Andrews Street, announces her committee as follows:

Mrs. Walter B. Smith, Mrs. Frank S. Sharar, Mrs. Peter Smith, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. E. T. Garvey, Mrs. Charles Baker, Mrs. Frank M. Beaucaire, Mrs. William Collins, Mrs. Carl F. Dietz, Mrs. J. K. Schaeffer, Mrs. David A. Gardner, Mrs. William Grinn, Mrs. Edward Driscoll.

Mrs. Daniel Garin, Mrs. George Andrews, Mrs. John P. Carney, Mrs. James Muntry, Mrs. George Atry, Mrs. A. F. Dangler, Mrs. Joseph Murphy, Mrs. Lawrence Legler, Mrs. E. J. Tans, Mrs. William Oldfield, Mrs. Charles Keating.

Donations may be sent to any of the above committees.

Old Bell Was Rung On Founders' Day At Georgetown U.

Washington, April 4.—Tolling of the bell of the first church erected in Colonial Maryland at St. Mary's City, in 1638, was the feature at Founders' Day exercises last week at Georgetown University. Arturo Toscanini, conductor of the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York, and Paul Claudell, French Ambassador, were honored at the ceremonies.

Toscanini was presented by the Rev. J. Coleman Neville, S.J., with the decoration of the Francisco de Vico Academy of Music, and the Ambassador was awarded the decoration of the James Ryder Randall Academy of Letters.

Catholic Near East Roll Call Will Aid Blind Tots and Waifs



Catholic Near East Orphanage for Blind Children at Palestine. Right—Dr. Edmund A. Walsh, President of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

Blind orphaned—children add much to the burdens of those organizations engaged in relief and welfare work in the Near East. Pictured above is a group of little blind girls who have been gathered into a Palestine orphanage maintained by the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Here they are being taught the braille method of reading, handicraft and music. Some are becoming accomplished musicians.

In another nearby orphanage is a vocational school for boys. Carpentry, tailoring, cobbling and other trades are being learned by youths who until recently were homeless waifs wandering the streets of Beirut and Bethlehem. Some of them are now learning to be master mechanics, others the art of modern farming.

Such is the work of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, which under the direction of the Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, vice-president of Georgetown University, has now extended its operations throughout the Balkans and Greece as well as in Asia Minor. The spiritual head of the Association, Pope Pius XI, created it a Pontifical Society and has now made it the sole American agency of the Vatican empowered to administer the charities of the Holy See in the Near East.

To carry on and enlarge its efforts the Association is launching its fourth annual roll call throughout the United States, appealing to its membership. New members will also be sought during the roll call which is to be conducted the first week of April.

Members are being asked to respond directly to headquarters of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 150 Lexington Avenue, New York City, Cardinals Hayes, O'Connell and Dougherty are among the directors of the Association.

Sister Awarded A Prize of \$100 Because of Pupil

Sister Mary Joannetta, teacher in St. Peter and Paul's School, has been awarded a \$100 prize in the \$25,000 Game of Presidents contest conducted recently by Liberty Magazine.

Sister Mary Joannetta received the award as the result of the high record made in the contest by her pupil, Vincent Zenkel. The game consisted of separating composite pictures which, when properly reassembled, made complete portraits of American presidents. Liberty awarded one hundred prizes of \$100 each to those teachers whose pupils made the best record in the contest. The entries were judged on the basis of their accuracy, neatness and simplicity.

Benefit Social, Mt. Carmel Church, On April the 24th

At a recent meeting in the school hall of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, plans were made to hold a benefit-social at the Powers Hotel Ballroom on Thursday, April 24th. Funds derived from the affair are to be used to help the building fund for the new church on Woodward Street, which will be dedicated in May.

Jerry Leonardo and Frank Nanna are in charge of arrangements for the party. They have appointed the following committees:

Program—Mrs. Joseph Bellanca, Mrs. Michael Emma, Miss Mary Petrossi, Vito P. Cimino, Angelo DiNeri, Henry Mastrodonato.

Tickets—Mrs. Anthony Baar, Miss Edith Buesela, Miss Frances Conti, Bernard C. Gerasi, Miss Marie A. Gilbert, Miss Josephine Laluppa, Miss Mary Laluppa, Miss Margaret Lambrose, Miss Kathryn Lanni, Mrs. James Luzzino, Miss Mildred Musio, Mrs. Rudolph Napodano, James Nast, Miss Louise Nizer, Mrs. Flora Peluso, Miss Mary Polvino, Miss Angelina Regina, Joseph Regina, Miss Mary Ricotta, Joseph Santora, Miss Angelina Zito, Miss Anna Zito.

Other committees will be appointed at the next meeting on April 7th.

The new church will seat 325 persons. It has been under construction since last October. The building is Romanesque in style and has a high tower on the left side. When completed it will be one of the most attractive Catholic churches in Rochester. Rev. Walter A. Peory is pastor of the church.

Catholic Women Have Busy Week

Activities at the Catholic Women's Club for next week include:

Tuesday afternoon, April 8th, at 2:30 P. M., the last of the series of Lenten talks on Current Topics and Book Reviews will be held. Miss Mary MacCarthy will speak on "Interpretations" and "Imitations."

Thursday afternoon will mark the closing of the instruction in Contract Bridge, which Mrs. M. S. McMahon has been conducting.

Thursday evening the club will sponsor the presentation of "The Sacred Love Story of the Mass" at Columbus Auditorium at 8:30 P. M. Over 2000 tickets are in circulation for this presentation.

On Friday evening the Board of Directors will meet at 8 o'clock, in the clubhouse.

Invitation is extended to club members by the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., spiritual director of the club, to attend the mass meeting to protest against the anti-religious movement being conducted in Russia, which will be held in Convention Hall on next Tuesday evening, April 8th. Dr. Edmund A. Walsh, S.J., Ph.D., vice-president of Georgetown University, will be the principal speaker. It is the wish of Bishop O'Hern that the meeting should be of the widest civic character so that the public protest may have the most far-reaching results.

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