

Corning Priest Made Dean Of Livingston and Steuben Counties by Bishop O'Hern

Rev. James Griffin, LL.D., M.R., of St. Mary's Parish, Is Appointed to Succeed the Rev. Francis J. Naughten of Hornell.

The Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, announced his appointment of Rev. James Griffin, LL.D., M.R., of St. Mary's parish at Corning, to be the new dean of the counties of Livingston and Steuben, the appointment to take effect immediately. Father Griffin is the second oldest priest in the diocese, having been ordained June 21, 1882, and having celebrated his 48th anniversary in the priesthood in June. He will succeed the Rev. Francis J. Naughten, late pastor of St. Ann's parish, Hornell.

Deanship Formerly In Corning
The City of Corning and St. Mary's Church were formerly the headquarters for the dean of that section of the Buffalo diocese and the late Dean Solman was pastor of St. Mary's parish for many years until the time of his death. There are three churches in Corning and only one in Hornell, and it is customary to place the dean's office in one of the churches of the largest city of the deanery.

Jane Holstein at West Almond, N. Y. He made his preparatory and theological studies at St. Bonaventure's Seminary, Allegany, N. Y., at which institution he received all minor and major orders preparatory to ordination. He served under the bishop of Buffalo from 1910-1916, when he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's Church, Bath, by the late Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid. From there he was transferred to St. James' Church, Waverly, where he served for several years and from which parish he was appointed to the largest parish in Corning on the death of the late Father Hustin.

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Parishes In Deanery
Father Griffin is president of the Alumni Association of St. Bonaventure's College, Allegany, and is looking forward to the celebration of his golden jubilee in 1932. The deanery of which he becomes head includes Corning, Hornell, Dansville, Lyons, Lima, Leicester, Mount Hope, Avon, Wayland, Colton, Bath and Naples.

St. Mary's parish of which he is pastor, has one of the largest schools in the diocese conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, with 12 teachers and a registration of more than 600 pupils. Rev. Lawrence Gannon is the

Around the Diocese

GENEVA

K. of C. Play Draws Big Crowds

Geneva, Dec. 5.—The Geneva Knights of Columbus entered their series with dramatic glory in the presentations here on Thursday and Friday evenings last week of "The College Girl". This musical comedy is a most entertaining one, with some excellent comedy parts, and it was presented with a skill and talent that won the hearty approval of all who saw it. The presentations were made in the High School Auditorium, and it was enjoyed by large audiences both evenings.

Miss Peg Schroeder and Miss Barbara White, both of Geneva, had leading parts in the comedy. The cast also included Earl Hall, Robert Richards, William Kelle, John Robert Arthur, Victor, John Rowland, Howard Maney, Edward O'Hara, Daniel Kane, May Strop and the Misses Madeline Buckley, Margaret McNettes and Rosalie Mason.

There was a chorus of boys and girls and a male chorus. Miss Helen Finnelly's dancing pupils gave special numbers.

All of the parts were well taken, and the choruses added much life and color to the production. Miss Finnelly's pupils won special favor by the excellence of their work.

Parishes In Deanery
The position of dean carries with it the title of "Very Reverend" and the letters "V. F.", which stand for the two Latin words "Venerabilis Pater" and "dean".

The Bishop's Decree
Following is the Decree of Bishop O'Hern making the appointment of Father Griffin as Dean and it is expected that the formal installation will take place after the holidays.

"BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE FAVOR OF THE HOLY SEE
"BISHOP OF ROCHESTER
"To Our Beloved Son, The Reverend James Griffin:

"In order that we may provide in a better and more efficient manner for both the temporal and spiritual needs of persons and places subject to Our Jurisdiction, and more especially in the places at a distance from Our Episcopal Curia, We hereby appoint and constitute you, beloved son, in whose uprightiness, prudence and fitness We have much confidence, Dean of the Counties of Livingston and Steuben, with the power and obligation according to the Code of Canon Law of exercising vigilance over the temporal and spiritual conduct of the clergy of your Deanery, over the observance of canonical discipline by clergy and laity, over the administration of ecclesiastical property, and besides with the duty of making a written report to Us each year of the state of the deanery, together with the names of all beneficed persons, both secular and regular, concerning the suggestions and remedies which were used or could be used in opposing evils. At the same time We make known that you have the right of precedence over all pastors and priests of your Deanery, and We order that they receive you with respectivity as Our Vicar Forane.

"Given under Our hand and seal from the Bishop's Office at Rochester, the twenty fourth day of November, 1936.

"JOHN FRANCIS
"Bishop of Rochester"

Canada Knights To Repair Shoes For Poor Children

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 5.—Windsor Council No. 1453, Knights of Columbus, has voted unanimously to operate a free shoe repair bureau during the winter months. It is the duty of the Knights to repair free of charge at their bureau during the winter months shoes of needy school children of the border cities. No new shoes will be distributed through the bureau, which expects to receive donations of old shoes which can be repaired.

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PENN YAN

Wedded 40 Years Thanksgiving Day

Penn Yan, Dec. 5.—Thanksgiving Day brought double happiness to Mr. and Mrs. James Fitzpatrick of this village. Their 40th wedding anniversary fell on that day, and they observed it in an appropriate manner, receiving the congratulations and good wishes of a number of friends. They were married on Thanksgiving Day, 1896, in the old St. Michael's Church in this village, by Rev. Eugene Pasagano, and went housekeeping later in their present home on Johnson avenue, then sparsely settled.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick was Mary Fitzgerald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Piregan of Millio. The groom 40 years ago was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Elmer, who had lived in Starkey, Dundee and Penn Yan. They have four children and three grandchildren: Mrs. Paul E. Harvey, Edmond J., of Dunkirk, Donald T. of Detroit, who was married but two weeks ago, and Wilford J. Fitzpatrick, who has been employed at the J. J. Leary Hardware Store here for the past 11 years. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick have many friends in this village and vicinity, and all who know them will wish them many more years of happy married life.

DANSVILLE

ISAAC BALCOM
Dansville, Dec. 5.—Isaac Balcom, aged 55, died here November 26th. Mr. Balcom was well known in Dansville and vicinity, having been one of the first to operate a taxi service. He leaves his wife, Josephine Cross Balcom, two sons, Ernest of Cross Balcom and Elmer of Houston, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Daniel Russell, Jr., of Groveland; two brothers, Alonzo and Thomas Balcom. His funeral was held Friday at 9:30 o'clock in St. Patrick's Church, and it was attended by many friends.

EAST BLOOMFIELD

DONAHUE-BARRY
East Bloomfield, Dec. 5.—At St. Michael's Church Saturday morning, November 28th, at 2:30, took place the marriage of Miss Agnes Irene Donahue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donahue, and Thomas Barry of Victor. Rev. J. W. E. Kelly of Victor, performed the ceremony and celebrated the nuptial Mass. A quartette from St. Mary's Church, Canastota, assisted the choir. The attendants were Miss Katherine Donahue of Rochester, sister of the bride, as maid of honor. Mrs. J. L. Haggarty of Rochester, sister of the bride, and Miss Velma McMahon of Victor, niece of the groom, were bridesmaids. Ambrose Barry, brother of the groom, was best man. The ushers were Charles Donahue of Canastota, brother of the bride, and Edward Mahoney of Victor, brother-in-law of the bride.

CORNING

GEORGE C. BERRY
Corning, Dec. 5.—George C. Berry, aged 71 years, was buried from St. Vincent de Paul's Church here on Tuesday morning, and there were many friends present at the funeral. Mrs. Berry was a well respected citizen. He leaves four daughters, Mrs. Frank O'Brien of Shortsville; Mrs. John Roche, Mrs. J. Norman Kelly of Corning; Mrs. William Jone of Buffalo; six sons, William Berry of Hornell, Edward, Frank, Hugh, Fred and John Berry, all of Corning.

SENECA FALLS

LANG-TENNANT
Seneca Falls, Dec. 5.—Miss Beryl Tennant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Tennant of this village, and Francis John Lang of Niagara Falls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lang of Albany, were married on Thursday last week in St. Patrick's Church by the Rev. Thomas A. Lang of Seneca Falls. The bride was assisted by the Rev. B. L. Quirk. The bride was given in marriage by her father, her sister, Mrs. Daniel J. Farrell of Newark, Conn., was matron of honor, and little Muriel Farrell, a niece, was flower girl.

Dr. William Bennett of Albany, was the best man. Ushers were Daniel J. Farrell of Newark, Conn.; Herman A. Tennant, brother of the bride; of Tonawanda; Paul Powers of Albany and George Harvey of Niagara Falls. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the Lewis Tea Room in Waterloo. An informal reception followed at the home of the bride's parents.

Upon their return from a motor trip through the Southern States, Mr. and Mrs. Lang will be at home after December 6th at 2463 South Street, Niagara Falls, where the groom is head of the commercial department in the Pratt Vocational High School. They will have the good wishes of many friends for a happy married life.

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NAPLES

Annual Social Was Great Success

Naples, Dec. 5.—The Annual Thanksgiving Social, sponsored by the Ladies and Gentlemen of St. Januarius' Church, was held Thursday night, November 27th, at Memorial Hall in this village. A very enjoyable evening was spent by an exceptionally large and enthusiastic attendance. The music for the occasion was furnished by Ritzly Bros. orchestra of Penn Yan. A varied and pleasing program was given which merited commendation of the large crowd.

An appetizing and bounteous supper, fitting for the cold night, was served by the Ladies' Sodality. It brought many comments of praise as to service and quality. A feature of the occasion was the awarding of the \$50 gold piece, which was donated by a kind and generous friend who was interested in the improvements which were being done to the church. The award was given to Della Loanigan, 11 Wellstone Street, Rochester, on the tenth drawing. A door prize was awarded to Monroe House of Naples.

WAVERLY

MRS. THERESA FALSEY
Waverly, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Theresa Higgins-Falsey, widow of Michael Falsey, died at her home, 150 Chestnut Street, Waverly, November 22. Mrs. Falsey was born in Wellburg, N. Y., and had lived nearly her whole life in Waverly. She is survived by four daughters, Ellen, Margaret and Mary at home, and Mrs. John Condit of Washington, D. C.; one son, Edward M., at home; one sister, Mary Higgins of Waverly; three brothers, G. C. and John J. of Waverly, and William P. Higgins of Sayre. Mrs. Falsey was an earnest member of St. James Church, and a member of the Rosary and Altar Society of that parish. Sister M. Christina and Mary E. Falsey of Niagara Falls, are sister-in-laws. The funeral was held from St. James Church, Tuesday, November 24th. Rev. Edward Dwyer saying requiem high Mass. Many relatives and friends from nearby places attended.

Mrs. F. T. Curtin Seriously Hurt Thanksgiving Day

Former President of Catholic Women's Club Suffers Fractured Hip in Automobile Accident near Clyde.

Mrs. Frank T. Curtin, of 200 Woodbine Avenue, president of the Catholic Women's Club of Rochester last year, had one of her hips fractured in three places, close to the spine, in an automobile accident on Thanksgiving morning. She is confined in St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, and the details of the accident show that she had a most remarkable escape from death. Her serious permanent injury, which occurred at the time of the accident, was her husband, FRANK T. CURTIN, well known builder and contractor, and her father, Daniel J. Ganey, both of whom escaped with minor injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtin and Mr. Ganey were on their way to Clyde on Thanksgiving morning to have dinner and spend the day with Mr. Curtin's brother, the Rev. Joseph Curtin, rector of St. John's Church, Clyde. Mr. Curtin was driving at moderate speed, and when about four miles from Clyde one of the wheels of their auto struck an obstruction in the road, which was covered with freshly fallen snow and was quite icy. The car swerved, skidded and plunged down a twelve-foot embankment, overturning. The door of the car on the side where Mrs. Curtin sat flew open and she fell beneath the car, with its full weight upon her hip.

Fortunately there were some automobiles right back of them, and the occupants rushed to give assistance. It took eight men to lift the automobile off Mrs. Curtin. She was then taken to Clyde in one of the cars, and brought later to St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, in an ambulance.

Though she suffered severely from shock and from her injury, it is believed that Mrs. Curtin will make a good recovery. Had the fractures been a trifle higher, it is likely that she might have suffered permanent paralysis of the lower limbs. Fortunately, they are of such a nature that a full and complete recovery is hoped for.

Mr. Curtin escaped with a sprained ankle and some bruises, and Mr. Ganey, who is well along in years, received a bad bruise over the eye. All of them are thankful to God that the accident had no more serious results.

Mrs. Curtin is widely known throughout the city and the diocese, and she has a world of friends, all of whom will sympathize deeply with her in her sufferings, and will pray for her full and early recovery.

Serious Illness Of Msgr. Seipel Is Regrettable

Vienna, Dec. 5.—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ignaz Seipel, foreign minister and former Chancellor of Austria, is confined to his bed with a serious attack of pleurisy.

The illness of the priest-statesman at this time is regarded by government officials as particularly unfortunate, since prospects for the formation of a new cabinet were said to depend largely upon his tactical mediation.

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