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Salacious Magazines Draw Fire

Charles F Dolle the Executive Secretary of the N. C. C. M., Washington, D. C., in a recent bulletin sent to affiliated societies calls attention to the efforts being made in many eastern cities to rid newsstands of the flood of salacious pamphlets and magazines that are in many instances openly offered for sale. In fact, advance notices of dates of publication are often displayed in prominent places on newsstands. The publishers avoid the use of the mails and thus render themselves immune from prosecution by the government for illegal use of the mails.

But, there are in most cities, laws or ordinances which prohibit the exposition and sale of this type of reading matter. These laws can be invoked with success where there is an aroused public opinion against it and sufficient organized, sustained support of the civil authorities. In New York City, Commissioner Mutterooney threatened to revoke newsstand licenses where such stuff was offered for sale. This was a very effective way of treating the situation in the metropolis. In Washington, the District Attorney indicted more than one hundred retail dealers and prosecuted them with success.

Public officials react quickly to public opinion. Perhaps it would be stating the situation pretty accurately to say that the action of public officials is a reflection of public opinion. It is needless to say that the great reading public of America is clean minded and wants and demands clean literature.

Public opinion in these matters is slow to arouse itself because the great majority of readers do not buy or read such publications and in most instances are blissfully unaware of their existence until their baneful influence is brought forcibly to their attention by the fact that this trash is exerting an influence upon the immature minds of their children.

We must protect the morals of the youth of today to safeguard the morals of the men and women of tomorrow. The ridding of the country of this type of publication is Catholic Action that the National Council of Catholic Men does well to urge upon its affiliated societies with their important local influence.

Some practical suggestions are made Ascertain from an attorney who is a member of your Lay Society what local ordinances or laws exist that could be invoked in aid of a campaign to rid your locality of this nuisance. Then find out what newsdealers are offending, if such regulations exist. Persistent offenders should be reported to the proper prosecuting office. If no such regulations exist, steps should be taken to have them enacted in the interest of public safety and morals.

Another National Society Affiliated

The Catholic Schools Federation of America, with headquarters in Cleveland, O., has affiliated with the N. C. C. M. This organization is National in scope and has an aggregate membership of over 200,000, in the country and Canada. In the twenty years of its existence it has taken part in many movements for the advancement of its members and Catholic interests generally.

During the past four years it conducted an educational fund campaign and collected over $300,000. Through this fund it founded the Benedictine High School for Boys in Cleveland, Ohio, and contributed substantially toward the erection of an academy for girls in Pittsburgh and Dansville, Penna.

Bishop Schrembs expressed great satisfaction that this great organization of such powerful influence among the foreign born had been brought into contact with the Lay Organizations Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Rochester Diocesan Council, N. C. C. M. in Rochester Diocese

The following Knights of Columbus Councils are affiliated with the N. C. C. M.:

Dansville Council, No. 785
Newark Council, No 897
Rochester Council, No. 178.
Auburn Council, No 207.
Elmira Council, No. 229.
Ithaca Council, No. 277.
Rochester 4th Degree Assembly, K. of C., No. 178.

This splendid representation constituting more than half of the Councils of the Diocese indicates the lively interest that this great Order shows in all Catholic Lay Activity. The Supreme Council of the K. of C. contributes $5,000 annually to the Radio Hour Fund of the N. C. C. M.

Corning Deanery Adoration Society

An invitation has been extended by Rev. John F. Farrell, Pastor of St. Ann's Parish at Hornell through our Spiritual Director Rev. Leo C. Mooney to establish a Nocturnal Adoration Society in the City of Hornell. The erection of a Society in Corning Deanery will give Rochester Diocese a unique distinction in that it will have at least one Nocturnal Adoration Society in each Deanery of the Diocese. The devotion of the men of the Diocese in this work is a wonderful example of Catholic Action, the purpose of which has been so clearly defined by the Holy Father "to restore Catholic Life in the family and in society."

The first Deanery meeting held in Corning Deanery was well attended. The representatives of its Lay Societies were enthusiastic for the N. C. C. M. and that enthusiasm was shown in the attendance at the National Convention held last fall and at the Diocesan Council at Rochester. The officers of Corning Deanery Association are Joseph Pfeiffer, Corning, President; E. J. Clancy, Hornell, Vice President; Frank Watson, Bath, Secretary, and E. A. LaVigne, Geneseo, Treasurer.

C. Y. M. A. Members Communion Sunday

Notices have been sent to all members of the Catholic Young Men's Association of St. Joseph's Church to attend 7:30 o'clock Mass in the Church Sunday, April 24th, and to receive Holy Communion in a body. Members will meet at the club rooms at 7:15 A. M. and march in a body to the Church.

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Knights Invited To Syracuse for May Convention

Rochester Chapter, No. 3, Fourth Degree Chevaliers, Knights of St. John held its annual supper party last Saturday evening in St. Michael's Hall. About two hundred Fourth Degree Knights attended and enjoyed the old-fashioned "sauerbraten and noodles" dish served.

Following the supper, President Frederick J. Wegman served as toastmaster and introduced General Joseph H. Weis, K. S. G., and Colonel Frank J. Koch who spoke briefly but interestingly of the value of membership in the Fourth Degree which has for its object promoting the interest of the uniformed rank of the order.

Colonel Frank H. Biel, commander of the Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John announced that all Knights of St. John in Rochester are invited to participate in the New York Grand-Commandery Convention in Syracuse, May 7th and 8th. This is the first time that the Rochester Grand Commandery has been invited to participate in the New York Grand Commandery's convention and it is the hope of Colonel Biel that a large delegation will go from here.

Captain George Schroeder of St. Louis Commandery No. 17 who is in charge of the Fourth Degree drill team called upon the members to co-operate with him in developing a drill team which will again bring to Rochester laurels for competitive drilling as in the past.

Catholic Women's Entertainment Is Deferred a Day

On account of the opera, the entertainment announced to be given by members of the Dramatic Art Guild Monday evening at eight o'clock at the Catholic Women's Club, will be postponed to the following evening, Tuesday, April 26. It will be directed by Mrs. Gertrude H. Furlong of the Speech Education Class and following is the program. Mrs. Furlong will be assisted by Mrs. Joseph H. Ellers, Miss Lillian Moore and Miss Helen Rachwalski.

Part I—Monologues

Two Phases of a Stage Career, Ella O'Callahan; When the Soldier Boys Come Home, Arlene Fromen, Keeping a Seat at the Benefit, Ruth Crowley; My Caller or My Brother, Brina Lewis; One Night on Broadway, Alta McLean; Down with the Men, Dorothy Long; Selling Samsonalis, Marjorie Taggart; 1 One Minute to Eat; II. Hagar, Isabelle Z. Kimpal.

Part II—"Insomnia"

A Play by H. F. Rubinstein

The cast will include: Ego—You or I, E lta O'Callahan; Conscience, Ruth Crowley; Memory, Marjorie Taggart; Life Force, Isabelle Kimpal; Curiosity, Dorothy Long; Fear, Alta McLean; Hope, Doris Roosevelt; Melody, Lillian Moore; Front Page News, Arlene Fromen; Songs of Songs, Mrs. Joseph H. Ellers, Lillian Moore, Helen Rachwalski.

At the Club House This Week

On Friday afternoon the last of the series of April Bridge Teas will be held. Mrs. Charles H. Baker is chairman of hostesses and she is being assisted by: Mrs. Frank Scholand, Mrs. Daniel C. Sullivan, Mrs. Julian Janes, Mrs. A. H. Metcalfe, Mrs. Harry Heislein, Mrs. Maurice Curran, Mrs. William Rossenbach and Mrs. John Crowley. Mrs. John E. Lyons is in charge of the Baked Food Table.

Cathedral Group Meets Wednesday

Cathedral Alumni Association will hold its regular monthly meeting Wednesday evening, April 27, in Cathedral Hall beginning promptly at 8:15 P. M. Important business to come before the meeting will be making of plans for the annual banquet to be held about May 15.

The social committee headed by Raymond Hyde is arranging to have a speaker who will discuss a topic of vital interest in the present day. After a short business session there will be an informal entertainment program with cards and dancing. Refreshments will be served.

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you reflect sincerely upon human nature as found in the examples proffered you from Scriptural lore or those examples which you find even in your own midst, you must admit that there are nine kinds of sins or wants, into which ingratitude may be classified.

I know of no more convincing way to express to Almighty God the conviction of our own unworthiness and indigence than in this voluntary supplication of the "Kyrie Eleison" and "Christie Eleison". Truly, humility and desire constitute the key to the treasury of divine mercy. Precisely in this spirit does the celebrant of the Mass raise his voice to God and expect as a result of his "Going to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find relief in seasonable time."

As long as we are children of Eve, constrained to remain in this vale of tears in mourning and exile, surrounded by interior and exterior misery, I feel sure that if we but unite sincerity with the plea of the visible ambassador to the Triune God that there is no doubt but what God "As a Father will have compassion on His children,—and the Lord will have compassion on them that fear Him; for He knoweth our frame and remembereth that we are dust." This is the mercy of God which is evidenced in the cry of the priest at Holy Mass, and it is this mercy which becomes the visible star, never setting but shedding its gentle and consoling rays upon us in the morning as well as in the evening of life. Amen.

When You Make Your Will

Always, in every Diocese, there are churches and institutions which have heavy financial burdens, and whose work is handicapped by these burdens. When you make your will, the best way in the world to help these needy ones is to insert a pargraph something like this in the will:

"I give and bequeath to the Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Rochester, N. Y., or his successors in office, the sum of $_____, to be used at his or their discretion for the work or the institutions of the Diocese."

If you are interested in some particular church, charity or institution a clause like this may be added: "I am interested particularly in _____. Bequests, large or small, are a great blessing to religion, and it is highly edifying to read of them in any will. No Catholic will should be without one or more such bequests.

New Scout Troop to Be Invested In St. Boniface Hall Next Tuesday

A newly organized troop of Boy Scouts will be invested in St. Boniface Hall at 8 o'clock next Tuesday evening, and the event will attract a large audience of Scout officials, parents, and many others. The initial work of organization took place a short time ago. The Troop will be known as No. 200, and will be called the Crusaders.

Milton V. Schaefer is Scoutmaster of the new Troop. He has been engaged in Boy Scout work for 19 years, and holds a Scoutmaster's key. He is particularly adept in camp work, and in training boys in various activities that will appeal to them. His assistants are Harold Rossiter, Norman Meteyer and Joseph Hall.

The investiture ceremony will be a very impressive event, and it will be in charge of Arthur McKinney, Scout executive. It will include presentation of the Flag, of the Scout charter and of the tenderfoot pins. Twenty-eight boys will be invested and their parents, as well as all Scout executives are cordially invited to attend.

The Troop Committee is composed of the Rev. Joseph Vogt, William Hall, Joseph Schnacky, Leon Newman and Bert Kimmann. The new Troop will begin its life under most favorable auspices, and happy days are anticipated by the boys.

Twentieth-Century Nervous Ailments Point to Need for Spiritual Solace

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There are two things we might do in the matter. The first is to change our civilization, make it simpler. We could learn to live slower, to substitute leisurely enjoyments and work for the frenzied kinds that are dominant today.

This is one solution of the problem, but personally I am not optimistic about it. It seems to me that there will not be any immediate changes unless it be a change for the worse. Everything points to more speed, more rush, more strain. We are not satisfied with airplanes that travel at four hundred miles an hour. A short time ago we read of the impending construction of one which will go one thousand miles in sixty minutes. It is going to race the sun around the world and try to beat it. If it is successful we shall want one that can travel five thousand miles an hour. So it can readily be seen why I am not optimistic about a change for the better in the tempo of our civilization.

Nerve Control

Considering all these factors, we must fall back on the other expedient. We are forced to leave civilization as it is because it is beyond our control, and so we must learn to change our attitude toward it. We must learn to avoid being drained and weakened by the force of life around us. That will consist partly in protecting ourselves from nervous shocks as far as we can, and when that is not possible, we must learn to control our emotional response to them.

We must realize the futility of worry and anxiety, try to cultivate calm, take conditions that are hard and make the best of them. It is a matter for the individual to learn this kind of control. Each one of us must train himself to respond to the demands of modern life in healthy ways.

The habit of behaving as we do without thought or effort is laid down largely in childhood and early youth. Many of the mental disturbances and emotional difficulties that appear in later life, whether they take the form of a breakdown or not, have their origin in childhood. Therefore the training must start with the cradle and continue right on to the end.

The high-school or college student should take particular pains to watch himself so that he will not let civilization run away with his nerves. He should watch his amusements and his reading. He must discourage himself from giving too frequent vent to his emotions. He must check fear, anger, jealousy or any of the other emotions lest they carry him away.

It must be remembered that emotions are like muscles in that they grow strong from use. The person who is constantly giving in to emotions is feeding them, fattening them, strengthening them, and the day will come when they will get out of his control and will rule him instead of his ruling them. When such a condition obtains, you have a person who is almost surely headed for some type of mental disease.

Mental Hygiene

It was the necessity for teaching this control of our nerves and emotions that led to the establishment of courses in mental hygiene. It is a new study so new that it scarcely has a history. Its aim is to teach us that there is a problem in mental health connected with our modern style of life, and to show what to do and what to avoid if we are to escape mental disaster. A man must learn to recognize the early danger signals and be brought to realize that, when he or his child is beginning to get out of touch with life, or to act freakishly, he can be saved much unpleasantness by calling in competent assistance.

It is a fact we might as well admit without quibbling that from one to two per cent of the children in the grade schools are feebleminded and that in every class, from the kindergarten to the highest class in a university, you have people who are emotionally unstable. Some are merely mildly hysterical; others are ready for a complete breakdown. There is a ray of comfort in the thought that they can be saved from a worse fate and be relieved of their present disability by being treated and by treating themselves intelligently. That is the purpose of mental hygiene.

The Calming Confessional

I would like to say, without appearing to preach, that one of the finest preventive factors in this work is religion. When a man is convinced that there is a Providence, when he believes that there is a God watching over him who is interested in him and his welfare and in everything he does, he possesses a source of strength that surpasses any other means that might be used.

This is realized by professional men in this field. They are glad when they find that their patient is a Catholic, because they can send him to a priest in the confessional. They have the highest esteem for the sacrament of penance.

One reason, I believe, for the alarming increase of mental diseases among the young today is a lack of religion.

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The approaching Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel brings to mind one of the spiritual works of mercy so needed in this day when on every side we are confronted with the breaking down of standards in almost every phase of family and social life—"To counsel the doubtful." In the face of almost universal doubt, never was it more necessary that wise guidance direct all the efforts that are made to preserve Christian ideals and standards in the midst of a disintegrating world.

It is not strange that among the many titles given to Mary the Mother of God there is included that of "Our Lady of Good Counsel." She Under that title the National Council of Catholic Women has chosen her as its Patroness.

April 26th is the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Let us in a special way honor her on that day and beg that she will guide and direct not only our efforts but that she will, with God's help, counsel all who are seeking to solve the political, social, and economic problems which threaten the destruction of the social fabric.

Let us beg Our Lady of Good Counsel not only to be our Counselor but that she will, in her great goodness, counsel those to whom has been committed the task of solving the great problem of caring for the thousands of men and women who are suffering because of economic needs and who can so readily join the ranks of the doubters. Our Lady of Good Counsel pray for us!

—Winifred U. McIntyre, First Vice-President of the N. C. C. W.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rochester Diocesan Council of the N. C. C. W. was held in Corning on Saturday, April 16th. The following Rochester women attended the meeting:

Mrs. Richard Kalb, Mrs. Peter J. Burke, Mrs. Emily O'Donnell, Mrs. Louis A. Whalen, Mrs. Joseph Flannery, Mrs. Louis A. Langie, Mrs. John Foley, Mrs. Elizabeth Degan, Miss Alice Kirk, Miss Marina Kraut, Mrs. William Rossenbach, Mrs. Teresa Cahuter, Mrs. Leo F. Simpson, Miss Elizabeth Madden, Miss Louise Meyers, Miss Florence Mills, Mrs. M. H. Keogh, Miss Katherine Doerbecker, Miss Mary Keogh, Mrs. Francis LeBeau, Miss Margaret Louise Keogh, Mrs. John Gysel, Miss Cecelia M. Yawman.

Miss Agnes G. Regan of Washington, D. C., Executive Secretary of the N. C. C. W. conferred with the Directors at the morning meeting, and also spoke on Catholic Women in a Changing World at the luncheon which followed at the Baron Steuben Hotel. Other speakers at the luncheon were Revered Lawrence W. Gannon of Corning, and Reverend William Byrne of Ithaca. Right Reverend Msgr. James Gibbons, LL.D., V.F., gave the Invocation.

The chairman of the luncheon was Mrs. Frank H. Suits, Mrs. C. E. Gildner, President of the Corning Deanery Council, presided. The toastmistress was Mrs. J. W. Lynham. Solos were rendered by Miss Norah Ash and Mrs. Leo Neilhan, both of Corning. The accompanist was Miss Mae Moran. Over 275 women from all parts of the diocese were present.

The afternoon meeting was held at the K. of C. Home, Mrs. Louis A. Whalen presiding. Interesting reports were given by Mrs. M. H. Keogh, Chairman of the Diocesan Committee on the National Catholic School of Social Service, and Mrs. Emily O'Donnell, Chairman of the Diocesan Committee on Study Clubs. Miss Regan, Assistant Director of the National Catholic School of Social Service also gave an interesting talk on the school.

Returning from the Corning meeting, Miss Regan was the guest of Miss Cecilia M. Yawman, President of the Rochester Diocesan Council, for two days. On Sunday a tea was given in her honor at the Catholic Women's Club, 215 Alexander St., with Mrs. Leo F. Simpson and Mrs. George O'Grady, and Club Directors of the Club, as hostesses.

On Monday Miss Regan addressed the student body at Nazareth College and the Sacred Heart Academy and also visited St. Elizabeth's Girls' House. It is planned to have her return some time during the coming year to give a series of talks to the members of the Catholic Women's Club.

The regular meeting of the Rochester Deanery Council which was to have been held in the Catholic Women's Club on Friday, April 22nd, has been postponed.

Preparations are practically complete for the large card party to be held in the Ballroom of the Civic Center on Wednesday, April 27th, under the direction of Mrs. Louis A. Langie, Chairman of the Card Party. A partial list of the Committee in charge was given last week. Additional members are as follows:

Mrs. Martin Walsh, Mrs. [illegible] Hartley, Mrs. [illegible] Ellen Curtis, Miss [illegible] Dean, Mrs. Rose [illegible] Walters, Mrs. [illegible] Radio Days, Miss Marie [illegible] Mrs. Charles Cosgriff, [illegible] Hall.

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