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BURLESQUE THEATERS CLOSING COMMENDED

The order to revoke the licenses of two burlesque theaters in New York City, reported in last week's N. C. W. C. News Service comes as the result of the steady efforts of Catholic Laymen, Catholic Press and Clergy to call to the attention of the City the menace to the morals of the youth of an indecent stage. Clean minded people do not patronize these shows and are frequently through lack of knowledge of what is going on, indifferent to the conditions. These shows cater particularly to visitors to the metropolis, who must carry away with them an idea of morals in the great city entirely at variance with the conduct of millions of New Yorkers.

Theater licenses are issued annually in the City of New York. Last May at a hearing before the Commissioner of Licenses a letter was read from his Eminence, Cardinal Hayes, in which in behalf of 1,000,000 citizens he urged that renewal of the licenses be denied, because the theaters in question were a moral menace to the city; he said that New York had a malodorous reputation because of the filthy shows exhibited in some of the theaters.

The licenses however were renewed and various groups set out in earnest to accomplish something in the abatement of this nuisance. The Catholic laymen active in this work were ably assisted by many public spirited Non-Catholics who in group organizations such as the Forty-Second Street Property Owners Association and the Manhattan Association brought considerable public attention to bear on the principal offenders.

The Catholic Press of New York, lead by the ably edited "Catholic News," took a prominent part in the crusade. Leading secular papers of New York and Brooklyn editorially gave full credit to the Catholic News for its part in this civic improvement. The promptness of Mayor McKee in dealing with the situation was commended by all papers alike.

It cannot be expected that the evil is permanently corrected in New York City. As soon as public opinion is occupied with other interests, some theater owner will attempt to "put across" another show of this kind. It is a sad commentary on the taste of the people of this country that the evolution of stage entertainment seems to be in the direction of indecency. The plays that provide mental stimulation and clean amusement do not seem to be great financial successes. The producers at least do not spend so much money in advertising them.

Catholics throughout the country will take heart from the success of their co-religionists in New York City. Active protest and concerted action should be the watchword in each community where shows of this kind are advertised or produced. Such work was recommended to the Rochester Diocesan Council by Right Reverend Monsignor George V. Burns at the Diocesan Convention at Geneva.

Catholic dollars should not be spent to help make profitable questionable plays and moving pictures. If Catholics would refrain from patronizing them, a serious attempt would be made by producers to improve their moral tone and the theater would begin its upward climb to its rightful place in the culture of the nation.

Choral Group Of K. C. Elects Dill President

Rochester Knights of Columbus Choral Society at its annual meeting, Tuesday evening in Columbus Civic Center elected Eugene C. Dill, president to succeed Edward Rizzo.

Other officers elected were: Vice-President, John Lensing, Treasurer, Hubert Call; Secretary, John O'Brien; Assistant Secretary, Arthur Farren; Librarian, Fred Hughes; Assistant Librarian, James Doyle; Assistant Director, Paul A. Predmore. Professor Frederick C. Pohl, organist and choirmaster at St. Michael's Church will continue as director of the Society.

Announcement was made that the first rehearsal for the Knights of Columbus minstrel show to be presented in November will be held in the Fourth Degree room of Columbus Center, Tuesday evening. Members of the society will provide the nucleus for the chorus and solo entertainment.

NAMED VICAR-GENERAL

Davenport, Iowa—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William P. Shannahan, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Iowa City, has been named Vicar-General of Davenport Diocese.

Rare Columbus Print

In the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C., is this engraving, said to be the oldest likeness of Christopher Columbus. It appears in the Eulogia Virorum Illustrium, published in 1575 by Paulus Jovius. This wood cut is thought to have been copied from a portrait in the gallery of notable persons which Jovius collected in his villa at Lake Comeo. The book is one of 10 books relating to the discovery of America included in the Vollbehr collection of 3 000 incunabula, which were purchased in 1930 for a million and a half dollars.

St. John Knights Bowling League Starts Season

Election of officers and final arrangements for the opening of the Knights of St. John Bowling League took place Friday of last week. The schedule gets underway Thursday of this week on St. Boniface and St. George's quarters alleys.

Colonel Frank H. Biel, K.H.S., of Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John was scheduled to open the season at St. Boniface alleys and Lieutenant Colonel William H. Rossenbach at St. George's quarters.

Teams representing their various commanderies who started the 1932-1933 season last night were: St. Bernard Commandery 272, SS. Peter and Paul 28, St. Eustace 39, St. George's 43, Cathedral 106, St. Michael's 49, St. Boniface 25 and St. Mauritius 9.

The schedule for Thursday, October 13 is as follows: St. Michael vs. St. George and Cathedral vs. St. Mauritius at St. George's alleys, and St. Eustace vs. SS. Peter and Paul and St. Bernard's vs. St. George's at St. Boniface alleys.

Officers who will direct the activities of the Knights of St. John Bowling League for this year are: President William H. Rossenbach, Commandery 28; Treasurer, Joseph F. Wendelgass, Commandery 9, and Secretary, Charles H. Mura, Commandery 32.

Catholic Truth Guild Meeting In N. Y., Success

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In addressing the delegates of the Catholic organizations present as interested possible members, Mr. Hayes stressed the importance of simple beginnings, followed by intensive study and interest on the part of each Guild member with a view to personal santification and active Catholicity, namely, the spread of Christ's kingdom on earth by word and example.

Plan in This Country

Although the original idea of the Evidence Guild in England calls for the use of public parks and street corners as the scene of its forum endeavoring as it does to reach all classes of people, the plan has been carried out differently in this country. Here public speaking before mixed groups, the press, radio and study clubs have comprised the general methods used. While the completion of the plans takes on various forms and the course of action adopted depends upon the existing sectional conditions in the various parts of our country, the ideals nevertheless, are identical. An excerpt from the Articles of Foundation and By-Laws of one group expresses the general sentiment: "We shall do all in our power to sanctify our lives to be able to teach in public or in private by speaking or in writing, the doctrines of Christ."

Among the prominent speakers who contributed from their personal experiences along the lines of Catholic Truth Societies were, B. J. Funke, and J. V. Hayes of New York; J. G. Bowen of the Catholic Evidence Guild of Washington; Karl Rogers of the Catholic Information Society of Narberth, Pa.; Miss Dorothy J. Willmann, Executive Secretary of the Parish Sodalities of the "Queen's Work", St. Louis, Mo., and many others. The Rev. Francis LeBuffe, S.J., is the Moderator of the New York Group.

Rochester was represented at these meetings by the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, Managing Editor of the Catholic Courier and Journal, Mary Leary and Helen R. Guntert.

MAKES TEACHING RECORD

Meire Grove, Minn.—Sister M. Bernarda Kurtz of St. John's School has celebrated her 60th anniversary as a nun with a record of never missing an hour's time in the classroom in 57 years of teaching.

Catholic Women Will Entertain Girl Scouts

In an endeavor to make the Club House the center of as many of the Club's activities as possible this season, the central feature of the October business meeting of the Club next Monday evening, Oct. 10, will be the Catholic Women's Club Girl Scouts. Miss Mary Lawless, Golden Eaglet of Troop 13, and lieutenant of Club Troop 34, will speak informally on her trip to the International Girl Guide Camp in Ennniskerry, Ireland, this summer. Miss Lawless was one of ten Girl Scouts named to represent the United States at the Camp. It will be an unusual opportunity to become acquainted with the three Girl Scout troops of the Club and special invitation has been extended to the members of the troops, their mothers and officials to attend.

In the absence of Mrs. John M. Foley, the president of the Club, in Charleston, S. C., at the Convention of the National Council of Catholic Women, Miss Anna L. Breen, first vice-president, will preside, and guests will be received and seated by Mrs. Charles J. Sackett, Captain of Troop 35, Miss Emma Kenning, Lieutenant, Miss E. Lucille Mooney, Captain of Troop 34, Miss Laura V. Perry, and Miss Rhea L. Wahl, Captain of Troop 32.

The first meeting of the season of the Club Chorus will be held Tuesday evening, October 18th. Cordial invitation is extended to those interested in singing to register or come in that evening.

Annual Retreat Soon

Announcement is made of the Annual Retreat sponsored by the Club for laywomen of the Diocese of Rochester to be held on Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday morning, October 28, 29 and 30, at Nazareth College in Augustine Street. Registration may now be made at the Club House for the retreat and the Annual Corporate Communion breakfast on Sunday morning. Miss Anna L. Breen is chairman in charge of arrangements.

At the Club House next week:

The Advanced Class in Contract Bridge meet Monday at 2:30 p. m. and the beginners' class Wednesday at 8:00 p. m.

The Advanced French Class meet Monday at 6:45 p. m. A beginners' French Class is now being formed for which registration should be made at the Club House.

The Study Group meet Thursday evening at 8:00 p. m.

Friday afternoon at 2:30 the weekly bridge and card games will be held.

These classes and the weekly Friday afternoon card parties are open to the public, as well as members and their friends. In keeping with the spirit of the times, the admission fee has been lowered for the Friday afternoon card parties, but the usual prizes will be awarded.

HAVE DEFERRED TUITION

Chicago—A five-year plan for the payment of tuition in Loyola University Graduate School has been announced by the Rev. Samuel K. Wilson, S.J., dean.

Rochester Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women

Office 1020 Columbus Civic Center

The Twelth Annual Convention of the National Council of Catholic Women opens in Charleston, South Carolina, on Saturday, October 8. Our Rochester Diocesan Council of the N. C. C. W. will be represented by two delegates, Cecilia M. Yawman, Diocesan President, and Katherine Doerbecker, executive secretary. Other Rochesterians attending the Charleston convention are Miss Alice F. Kirk, Treasurer of the Diocesan Council, Mrs. Elizabeth Dean, Vice-President of the Rochester Deanery Council, Mrs. Teresa Ganster, National President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John, Mrs. John M. Foley, President of the Catholic Women's Club, and Miss Helen McAnarney and Miss M. Aloysia Yawman.

The Charleston convention will close on October 12. All general meetings of the convention are open meetings and visitors are cordially welcome.

On October 26 and 27 the Rochester Diocesan Council of the N. C. C. W. will hold the Second Annual Convention in the Columbus Civic Center, Rochester. Following is a list of organizations throughout the diocese affiliated with the Rochester Diocesan Council, and who are in good standing and entitled to voting delegates at the convention:

ROCHESTER

Parent Association, Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Altar Society, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

Ladies Auxiliary 47, Knights of St. John.

Ladies Auxiliary 43, Knights of St. John.

Ladies Auxiliary 44, Knights of St. John.

Alumnae of the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

L. C. B. A. Central Council.

St. Mary's Junior League.

Catholic Women's Club.

Rochester Catholic Charities.

Ladies District Auxiliary 1, Knights of St. John.

The Mission Society, St. Joseph's Church.

Sacred Heart League, St. Monica's Church.

Ladies Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Church.

Catholic Daughters of America, Court 1139.

American Missionary Maids, Holy Family Church.

Rosary Society, Immaculate Conception Church.

Perpetual Help Society, St. Mary's Hospital.

Rosary Society, Holy Rosary Church.

Rosary Society, Blessed Sacrament Church.

Flower League.

Catholic Womens' Federation.

Women's Sodality, SS. Peter and Paul's Church.

St. Elizabeth's Social Circle.

Alumnae Association of Nazareth Academy.

AUBURN DEANERY

Daughters of Isabella, Newark.

Rosary and Scapular Society, Holy Family Church, Auburn.

Catholic Daughters, Court Auburn 263.

Rosary Society, St. Bernard's Church, Scipio.

Court Kateri Tekagwitha 837, C. D. of A., Lyons.

CORNING DEANERY

Catholic Daughters of America, Court 139, Corning.

Catholic Daughters of America, Court 194, Hornell.

Ladies Guild, St. Mary's Church, Bath.

Christian Mothers Society, St. Mary's Church, Dansville.

Rosary and Scapular Society, St. Mary's Church, Corning.

ELMIRA DEANERY

St. Vincent de Paul's Society, SS. Peter & Paul's Church, Elmira.

Rosary Society, SS. Peter & Paul's Church, Elmira.

Catholic Daughters of America, Court 137, Elmira.

Altar Society, St. John's Church, Elmira.

Rosary and Altar Society, St. Patrick's Church, Elmira.

L. C. B. A., Branch 199, Elmira.

International Catholic Federation of Nurses, Elmira.

Rosary and Altar Society, St. Charles' Church, Elmira Heights.

GENEVA DEANERY

Rosary Society, St. Stephen's Church, Geneva.

Rosary Society, St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva.

Catholic Daughters of America, Court 416, Geneva.

Catholic Daughters of America, Court 830, Canandaigua.

ITHACA DISTRICT

Catholic Daughters of America, Court 240, Ithaca.

Sacred Heart League, Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca.

Altar and Rosary Society, Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca.

Newman Club of Cornell University, Ithaca.

Rosary and Altar Society, St. Anthony's Church, Groton.

Any other organizations, whether in arrears or wishing to affiliate, are requested to remit check for Fifteen Dollars to the Diocesan Council Office, 1020 Columbus Civic Center, before October 15th.

LAYS CORNERSTONE

San Francisco—The cornerstone of the San Francisco College for Women has been laid by the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco. The Religious of the Sacred Heart expect to move into the college, late this fall.

Devotions Of Forty Hours

October 14
St. Andrew's, Rochester.
October 16
St. Joseph's, Blessed Sacrament, Rochester; Dansville; Geneseo; St. Patrick's, Corning; Savannah.

Eustace Knights Plan Sausage Roast

St. Eustace Commandery, Knights of St. John, will hold the annual Sausage Roast of the Commandery, Sunday, October 9, at Ampar Beach. Members will meet after 2 o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's Church and those desiring transportation will be furnished with it. Activities will start at the Beach at 11 a. m. with a ball game. Dinner, refreshments, horse-shoe pitching and card games are on the program.

TEACHER DIES

Chicago—Miss Josephine Quinn, for 40 years a teacher in Chicago's public schools and an active worker on behalf of boys, is dead.

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