

Philip G. Kreckel Heard in Concert On Remodeled Elmira Church Organ

Blessing of Instrument in St. Patrick's Church Followed By Concert; Father Schwab Talks on Organ Building for Liturgical Use; Choirs Heard

By CAROLYN RUTH DORAN

Elmira—Singularly fitting is it that an organ concert, played by an authority on Gregorian music should have its place within the stately walls of a Catholic Church edifice.

The program of organ music was prefaced by the solemn blessing of the newly-remodeled instrument by the Rev. William J. Brian, and a brief address by the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, assistant of St. Patrick's on the place the organ has in the liturgy of the church.

Father Schwab traced the history of organ building from its origin even in tradition, through the various changes of successive eras, down to the present standard of approved organ construction for services in the Catholic Church.

The history of St. Patrick's organ in particular was also noted, the time of its first installation being approximately almost a half century ago. It is a noteworthy fact that repairs examining the organ, which it had been thought, might have to be replaced by an entirely new instrument, decided enthusiastically in favor of rebuilding the present instrument so beautiful in its tone.

Builder's Daughter Present Another noteworthy fact in connection with the old instrument, not known to the pulp speaker, the organist or the pastor of St. Patrick's who graciously arranged the program for his people, is that the daughter of the organ-builder who installed the original instrument was among the most interested and deeply moved listeners last night.

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Objectives Of N.C.C.W. Set Forth By Miss Doran

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women of the Church, as he has actually done in his recent Encyclical on Catholic Action.

Sketching briefly the history of the N. C. C. W., the speaker made clear its aims and objectives, declaring it to be the best medium for the practical expression of the program of Catholic Action in the United States.

"When the World War brought all people of the United States up short, as it were, necessitating the mobilizing of its forces in some orderly fashion under proper ecclesiastical authority, the organization—national in scope—known as The National Catholic War Council, was begotten. So successful was the work accomplished by the program of coordination so hastily assembled, it was adjudged advisable to perpetuate the program of unified action begun.

"The administrative committee of this organization consists of two archbishops and five bishops, the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, D.D., archbishop of San Francisco, and formerly a professor and beloved priest of the Rochester diocese, being the administrative chairman. The other prelates who constitute the administrative group act as chairmen of the six departments of activities included in the general program of the N. C. C. W.

"These six departments are as follows: Executive, Education, Press, Social Action, Legal, and Lay Organizations. The last named department of Lay Organizations includes the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Catholic Women. This brings us down to practical consideration of the Rochester Diocesan Council, an important unit in the National Council of Catholic Women and of which this Deanery is a component part.

"Contrasting the philosophy of individualism with the opposite extreme of humanitarianism, the speaker pointed out as advisable the middle course of action between these two, namely, the program of intensified practical faith and public service wherein the Catholic viewpoint of life here in its relation to immortal life hereafter should be the guiding principle of service.

"Faith, Service," the insignia of the Diocesan Council as well as of the National Council, was emphasized time and again by the speaker. Commenting on this, Miss Doran said:

"In all fundamental and far-reaching principles, we stand upon common faith and ground. But what of the degrees of expressing this faith? How generous are we with its incomparable comfort and blessedness? What of our fellowmen? There are, as our picture of the suffering of the world shows, hordes hungering for more than material food. Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God."

"The second word of our insignia is 'Service,' and the principal objective of the National Council of Catholic Women is precisely that—service. 'Many are the detailed objectives set forth for the accomplishment of the National Council of Catholic Women. To go into all of them thoroughly is impossible here. Literature, however, is available on the subject, and in this connection, I advise all to subscribe to the publication entitled, 'Catholic Action,' published at Washington headquarters, 1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W. This publication is sent gratis to all members of the N. C. C. W., contributing three dollars or more annually, or it may be subscribed to at the rate of two dollars a year. This is the official organ of the organization.

"Condensing the listed objectives of the Rochester Diocesan Council into five, they are as follows:

"1. To serve as a medium for the Catholic women of the diocese for united action in matters of public interest.

"2. To act as a stimulus and to render definite aid to existing organizations in the diocese.

"3. To establish relations with other civic and social agencies in an effort to solve the present day problems—religious, civic, social, educational.

"4. To further whatever spiritual and material undertakings may be recommended to the Rochester Council by our Most Reverend Bishop.

"5. To work as a part of the National Council of Catholic Women in the interests of the National Welfare Conference."

Monsignor Leo speaks Miss Doran's address was followed by brief remarks by the Right Rev. Msgr. John J. Lee, V.F., endorsing the proposed work of the Elmira Deanery group of the council and offering encouragement to all to participate in its constructive program.

Mrs. James G. McCarthy, president of the Elmira Deanery, spoke briefly on some of the financial aspects of the work. Before Miss Doran's address, two piano numbers were played by Elizabeth Moxley. The speaker's address was requested for last night's program by Miss Mary New-

some of the speakers' committee.

Central Chapter K. of C. Honors Former Head

Syracuse—Central New York Chapter, Knights of Columbus, representing councils in this section of New York State, honored the memory of their past chairman, the late John W. Dorsey of Syracuse Sunday of last week by presentation of a memorial tablet to Syracuse Council of which Mr Dorsey was a past grand knight.

Inscribed on the tablet is this tribute: "He walked in the light of God's grace and he loved his fellowman as himself."

The presentation speech was an eloquent summary of the virtues and gifts of Mr. Dorsey, given by his predecessor as chairman of the chapter, Judge Michael J. Larkin of Rome. Equally eloquent and fitting was the reply of acceptance by John F. Barrett, master of the Fourth Degree. Remarks also were made by Judge James J. Barrett, chief judge of the New York State Court of Claims, and Patrick J. Dorsey, brother of the deceased, in behalf of the family, also by Rev. Theodore F. Shannon of St. Lucy's Church, formerly of St. John's, Oswego, and most chaplain of Oswego Council, and P. Clifford Curtin, Syracuse, chairman of the chapter.

K. of C. Officers Of Newark Installed

Newark. — Officers of Newark Council, Knights of Columbus, were installed Wednesday evening of last week at the K. of C. rooms here, by District Deputy John A. Doyle of Rochester, assisted by District Warden Leo F. Rombaut of Rochester. Following the installation, a dinner was held at which the Rev. John J. Ganey, pastor of St. Michael's Church and chaplain of the Council was the principal speaker.

Those installed were: Grand Knight, Howard L. Franklin; Deputy Grand Knight, Thomas Healy; Chancellor, Edward J. Wickery; Recorder, Bernard J. Vanderbrook; Financial Secretary, Bernard De Pauw; Treasurer, Eugene Morgan; Lecturer, Sanford A. Eaton; Advocate, William D. O'Connell; Warden, Victor De Weaver; Inalde Guard, C. B. Martin; Outside Guard, Joseph C. Telli; Trustee, Thomas Flynn, Danford A. Eaton and Edmund De Weaver.

Catholic Press Is Voice of Holy Father

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that you are really my voice itself, for few indeed would be the number of children of our common Father who could learn my wishes and thoughts without the aid of the Catholic Press."

Defenders of The Faith It was also Pope Pius XI who made the following forceful recommendation of the Catholic Press:

"The power and influence of the Catholic Press are so great that even seemingly insignificant activity in its favor is of great importance. . . . Anything you do for the Catholic Press I will consider done for me personally."

In the Encyclical Rerum Omnium, one of the first documents of his pontificate, Pope Pius XI confirmed for the Catholic Press a patron, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Universal Church. "Above all," His Holiness said in this Encyclical, "we desire that from the solemn recurrence of this feast, all Catholics who in newspapers, or other writings for the public, illustrate, promote and defend the Christian doctrine, shall draw useful fruits."

On another occasion, January 6, 1926, when speaking of the Catholic Press, Pope Pius XI made the following interesting observation:

"It has been said that if the Apostle Saint Paul had lived in our days he would have become a journalist. It is doubtful whether this would have been verified according to the letter, but it is beyond doubt that it would have been verified in spirit."

Pope Pius XI, on numerous other occasions and in numerous other ways, has demonstrated his deep interest in the Catholic Press, and has shown special interest in the development of that press in the United States.

Pope Benedict XV said: "The work of the American Catholic papers has been most praiseworthy. They have been an effective auxiliary to the papal in spreading the Faith."

What Benedict XV Said In a Christmas greeting to the Catholic newspapers, to the faithful, and to the whole American people received by the Press Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in 1920, Pope Benedict XV said:

"Well acquainted with the serious purposes of American Catholics and their devotion towards the Apostolic See, We send to them our paternal benediction and express the wish that their activity in the fertile field of the press may bear ever more abundant fruits; that, like the Evangelical mustard seed, it may grow into a strong and mighty tree which under the shadow of its branches will gather all the souls thirsting after truth, all the hearts beating for the good."

Pope Pius X said: "In vain will

you found missions and built schools, if you are not able to wield the offensive and defensive weapon of a loyal Catholic Press."

Pope Pius X also said: "Not only read what is written in defense of religion, but work to have such writings spread among the people."

Pope Leo XIII said: "The Godless press had destroyed Christian society. A good press must be pitted against it. Good papers must be founded and circulated, and in them lies must be energetically defeated and truth defended."

"With no less insistence We renew our advice that you should labor with as much zeal as prudence for publication and diffusion of Catholic newspapers. For in these days people form their opinions and regulate their lives almost entirely by their daily reading of newspapers."

Pius The Ninth gave Praise "Among the best means adapted to the defense of religion there is none, in our opinion, more efficacious and more suited to the present time than that which consists in meeting the Press by the Press, and thus frustrating the schemes of the enemies of religion."

Pope Pius IX said: "It is the holy duty of every Catholic to support the Catholic Press, and to promote it among the people. The

good press is a work of the greatest importance and of greatest merit. Therefore, all those who have the eternal welfare of themselves and of others at heart, and especially those whose duty it is to defend the Faith from the pulpit should do their best to work continually against the godless press, above all by supporting and spreading the good press."

It is interesting to recall here two commendations of the Catholic Press written by Cardinals:

Cardinal Sanguinetti said: "The first was written by His Eminence Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, in a communication to the German Association of Catholic Journalists. It is the more responsible and dignified work and duty of Catholic journalists—become the more pleasure do the Holy Father take in giving his heartfelt Apostolic benediction to all their undertakings."

The second is an extract from a pastoral issued by His Eminence Demetrio Cardinal Minorelli, Archbishop of Genoa. The extract says: "To be a Catholic, is call oneself a Catholic, is to belong to Catholic organizations and associations and at the same time to be independent in the interests of the Catholic Press is a patent absurdity."

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