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**JOHN M. TRACY  
LAUDED FOR AID  
GIVEN DIOCESE**

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permission to give his counsel and assistance to the diocesan building committee, of which, however, he was not a member. Needless to say, his judgment and advice proved invaluable to the Bishop in solving building problems and in determining policies.

"But Mr. Tracy brought to the meetings of the diocesan building committee more than technical information or mere knowledge gathered from long practice in the school of experience. He is more than an administrator. Mr. Tracy has a kind heart, a sympathetic nature, and a disposition to understand the problems of the other man. His patience in dealing with difficult problems and his desire to arrive at a satisfactory adjustment were truly admirable. Ever ready to give generously of his time he would often spend his evenings in reviewing building plans or in discovering ways and means of overcoming difficulties. He always manifested rare interest in helping others.

"But more than all this Mr. Tracy is a genuine Christian. He is an outstanding Catholic layman whose life has been an example and a model for all and a benediction to his associates and to the community at large. Evidently he was actuated by the spirit of the Gospel: He that loveth his neighbor hath fulfilled the Law. Mr. Tracy was ever proud of the country of his adoption, proud of the land of his birth, and especially proud of the Faith of his fathers.

"Mr. Tracy's resignation from the services of the local Board of Education will mean a decided loss to that organization. But he deserves a well earned rest. We join with all who know Mr. Tracy in wishing him happiness and the blessing of God."

The Board of Education in accepting Mr. Tracy's resignation adopted the following resolution:

"Mr. John M. Tracy, Superintendent of School Buildings, has asked to be retired, and his resignation has been accepted by this Board, to take effect Aug. 31, 1933. Mr. Tracy was appointed Superintendent of School Buildings Sept. 1, 1913, thus completing with the Board of Education a period of 20 years of intelligent and devoted service. For 30 years before his appointment Mr. Tracy was connected with the building trades, so he brought with him an experience that was invaluable to the schools.

"Mr. Tracy came at a transition period when many of the old schools needed repairs, additions, or reconstruction and when the Board was formulating a policy for the construction of new elementary schools and looking forward to the erection of junior high schools. That was the time when the Board was about to make over the Washington School 25 into the first Washington Junior High School by the erection of suitable shops for industrial and vocational lines of work.

"During the 20 years of his service, therefore, Mr. Tracy has followed through the building of 18 new elementary schools: Nos. 1, 5, 14, 15, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 31, 34, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 46, and 52, additions to 20 elementary schools: Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 25, 28, 30, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, and 44; and all the new junior and junior-senior high schools: Jefferson Madison, Monroe, Benjamin Franklin, Charlotte and additions to the Washington and Jefferson Junior High Schools.

"Because of his knowledge of architecture and the building trades, and his careful attention to details, Mr. Tracy in his work in connection with the schools always secured the maximum of economy consistent with sound standards of building construction. His judgment was respected by members of his own profession as well as by his colleagues at the Board of Education. His genial personality made him a friend of the entire janitorial, teaching and administrative force. He will be missed by all; but his 50 years of hard work have entitled him to a well earned rest. He retires with the admiration and affection of all with whom he has come in contact.

"Be it resolved, therefore, that as an appreciation of the long, efficient and faithful service of Mr. Tracy this record be spread upon the minutes of the Board."

A member of St. Monica's parish, Mr. Tracy is also active in the Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society of St. Monica's, the Laymen's Retreat Association and the Rochester Nocturnal Adoration Society.

He is also a member of the National Association of Public School Business Officials, National Conference on City Planning, National Fire Protection Association, at present serving on two committees of this organization, Building Exits Code Committee, Committee on Pyrotechnics, American Civic Association, American Society for Testing Materials, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, New York State Council of Architects, Rochester Society of Architects, Rochester Engineering Society, Community Conference Board of the Chamber of Commerce, Fire Prevention Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Civic Committee on Unemployment, Stabilization Committee, Automobile Club of Rochester, City Club of Rochester and Atterley Thirteen.

**Cardinal Mundelein  
Praises Catholic  
Press Progress**

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teaching body of the Church and, in its capacity of affording the one avenue of publicity, it belongs to the military section of the Church; it is our Council of Defense. And, like all other departments of the Church, it leads a hand-to-mouth existence. No man who aspires to become wealthy ever enters into its ranks; no one has ever, to my knowledge, offered to endow one of our Catholic papers; all ambitious journalistic projects are squelched in their very infancy by the facts that we have no money to pay for them.

"But there is one advantage. When hard times come, as in the past few years, we don't feel them as do those of the secular press or other businesses, because the Catholic journalist is insured to hardships, because he is used to fasting and abstinence in the broader sense. He just pulls a tighter belt about his waist, takes in another notch, and settles down to do better work than before.

"I have always maintained that a man to succeed as a Catholic journalist must be a good bit of an idealist; his vision must go beyond earthly satisfaction and recompense and he must be content to sow where others will reap. But you will agree with me that only such a man is truly content here below, for he is like a knight of old fighting in a great and good cause.

"That is why we are delighted to welcome you here and to welcome you to this place, our workshop, to which we bring the best offerings of our Catholic youth to train them to be bearers of an ideal to the Catholic people of one of the world's greatest cities, a great ideal that the Son of God by word and example taught to mankind. We train them to add and support the Catholic Press as an important ally to the cause to which they propose to devote their lives.

**Words of Advice**

"If I might offer a word or two of counsel, in the days of our fathers the Catholic Press was largely controlled in tone. The non-Catholic outside then believed in something; they had doctrinal tenets to which they clung and for which they would fight. That is all changed now. It is all negation now—indifferentism, only positive unbelief. To engage in controversy today, as did our fathers, would be largely shadow boxing. They won't fight.

"The poison is fed to our people today in more insidious ways. There is more damage done to our people's faith and morals by some of the supplements of our Sunday newspapers than by all the highbrow reviews in existence. It is up to you to counteract that. The way to fight that is to build up a resistance as the physician does by supplying interesting and instructive information in abundance in your columns, by brief, pithy, good-natured, to-the-point answer and criticism of an erroneous statement or news item.

"A lot of that is being done by you now. Keep it up. You are on the right track now and always making progress. Make the secular press respect you.

**Aid of News Service**

"You have first hand information. The Press Service of the Bishops' Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference has been a tremendous help. It is not perfect. It is still to a great extent in its infancy. But it is a step decidedly in the right direction. And second, don't be afraid of the radio as a competitor. I judge others largely by myself. They have put a radio for me in almost every room I occupy. I don't believe I tune in once a month, whereas I read an average of three Catholic papers every week, not as a duty but because they interest me. I read The Universe of London almost from cover to cover.

"I pride myself on the fact that I have a rather pious mind, that I think and feel very much like the ordinary man in the street, and on this I base my judgment. The old saying of the Romans still holds good, Verba volant, scripta manent. (Words fly; written thing remain)."

"This is best shown too by the results recently published: That while general advertising fell off in newspapers less than ten per cent in the last year, on the radio the loss of commercial advertising was thirty-seven per cent.

"Bear in mind, gentlemen, when you are getting your copy ready for the press that you are really writing our history. Perhaps the following will illustrate my viewpoint. Here recently, at the very height of the depression's effect when, as everybody else, I was squeezing every dollar, I was offered one of the only three complete sets known, outside of the great public libraries, of Harper's Weekly from 1857 to 1916, at a price of course higher than originally paid. I snapped up the offer for our library here, though I had to raise the money, because to me it represented the contemporary history from day to day of our country and the world, by outlookers, just as it occurred, not colored by some historian's bias of another generation, and as such, material for research for students here for generations to come.

**Record of Events**

"So too, your pen, as you record from week to week, is giving to posterity the Catholic viewpoint and the correct news items of events just as they occur.

"I repeat what I said in my letter. I hope you will go to your homes

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COOPERATION**

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work of the Holy See represented in his office.

**Thanks Administrative Body**

Another resolution expressed the body's "thanks to the members of the Hierarchy comprising the Administrative Committee, of the N. C. W. C. for their stirring 'Statement on the Present Crisis,'" and noted "with a special satisfaction the sections devoted to the purpose and aims of Catholic education."

"Still another resolution urged that the schools and colleges comprising the National Catholic Educational Association once more proclaim to the world the glorious heritage of the truth of the religion of Christ and the greatness of its own mission to incorporate into the Catholic consciousness the knowledge and beauty of Catholicism both as a creed and as a culture, and that we once more consecrate ourselves to the task of moulding the souls of all Catholic youth in the image and likeness of the Son of God."

Pointing to the fact that "the nation is now entering upon a social revolution that will profoundly modify the relations of government with industry and introduce into industry, standards of morality that are new to it," the association "as a group of citizens and Catholics" expressed a realization of "its responsibility in the proper and just ordering of society," and pledged "its constant study and action to the end that this social-economic revolution be conducted with due regard to the rights of all classes of society." The association also telephoned President Roosevelt "upon his constant insistence upon this ideal of social justice and the introduction of morality in industrial relations," and pledged its "earnest efforts in cooperation with him that a return to prosperity be accomplished without a return to the evils that have disgraced our civilization in the past."

To counteract the evil forces constantly undermining the ideal of the home and "to give concrete expression to the principles and ideals enunciated by our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, in his Encyclical Letter on Catholic Action," the meeting emphasized "the relations that must exist between the home and the school through a broader and more definite conception of the joint responsibility of these two agencies working together in collaboration with the Hierarchy to bring to souls — to bring to every soul — in the treasures of truth and of good, doctrinal and practical, which Christ Himself brought to the world."

**Training Schools Urged**

Another resolution strongly affirmed "the necessity of the formation of our Catholic teachers in Catholic training schools where they will be imbued with the principles of true philosophy and educational psychology and enabled to meet with intelligence the errors of many of the current educational systems."

The association expressed its "profound appreciation" to the Most Rev. John Gregory Murray, Archbishop of St. Paul and host to the convention, and greeted "with acclaim the Bishops of other Sees who have honored by their presence and encouragement their participation our deliberations."

The association before closing the convention, named new officers and committee members to direct both its College and Secondary School Department, and installed the Rev. James A. Byrne, Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools in St. Paul, as chairman of the Superintendents' Section. General officers were not elected by the association, the president officers being retained for the coming year.

The Rev. Joseph E. Grady, M.A., principal of Aquinas Institute, was named a member of the Department Executive Committee.

**Rich In Charity**

(In Memory of Our Beloved Bishop, Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern.)

Noble Shepherd rest in peace. Your Crown of bliss is won. Companion now with Christ your King.

Beyond the rising sun, Faithful thou hast been to Him In every chosen part. With boundless joy He welcomes you Unto His Sacred Heart.

A heritage of kindly deeds Rich In Charity. Your flock will ever Cherish In the vaults of memory. We will pray for you each morning. And again at evening tide. That you may come to greet us When we cross the great divide.

—Rev. John Sheridan.

with more hope, more courage, more information, more inspiration than you had before and with the conviction that no matter how humble may be your place you may be able to do big things for Holy Mother Church and for your country's welfare as well."

**Cordial Welcome Is  
Ready for Supreme  
Council of L. C. B. A.**

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visory Senate on Monday evening in Columbus Civic Center ballroom.

**Formal Opening Tuesday**

The formal opening of the convention will take place Tuesday with the celebration of a solemn pontifical Mass at 9:30 o'clock. Bishops, Monsignors and priests in great numbers will attend. The arrangements are being directed by the Rt. Rev. Most Rev. William M. Hart, vicar capitular of the diocese, and the Rt. Rev. Most Rev. Charles F. Shay, pastor of the Cathedral. Monsignor Hart will welcome the delegates as acting head of the Diocese of Rochester.

Immediately after the Mass the sessions of the convention will open in Columbus Civic Center Auditorium. General Chairman Mrs. Martin will introduce His Honor, Mayor Percival D. Quinn who will extend the city's greetings. The response will be given by Supreme President, Miss Kate Mahoney of Troy. Business sessions will start after the formalities and continue each day from 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. and from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. until the business of the convention is completed. The sessions are all of standard time.

The Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania delegation will hold a reception for supreme officers in Columbus Civic Center on Tuesday evening.

**Mass for Bishop**

A solemn memorial high Mass for the late Bishop John Francis O'Hern, D. D., upon whose invitation the convention is to be held in Rochester, will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Friday morning, July 14, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Among the delegates coming to the convention is a highly educated Negro Catholic woman who represents a branch in Chicago.

Besides Mrs. McParlin who is a Supreme Trustee, there is another Supreme Officer residing in Rochester, Supreme Medical Examiner Dr. Katherine L. Daly.

Other supreme officers to be present are: Supreme President, Mrs. Mahoney; First Vice President, Mrs. Mary C. Connelly, Syracuse; Second Vice President, Miss Frances E. McGee, Scranton, Pa.; Recorder, Mrs. J. A. Royer, Erie, Pa.; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary E. Costello, Queens Village, N. Y.; Marshals, Mrs. Anna Koerber, Syracuse, Mrs. M. Catherine Pasan, Chicago; Mrs. Josephine T. Dillon, Kansas City, Kan.; Guards, Mrs. Mary J. McDonnell, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mrs. J. J. Miss Katherine V. Becker, Leavenworth, Kan.

Supreme Trustees are: Ex-officio, the Supreme President, President of the Board, the Supreme Recorder, the Secretary of the Board, Miss Margaret F. Gallagher, New York; Mrs. Julia A. Ward Cline, Oak Park, Ill.; Mrs. Bertha C. McIntee, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Alice M. Dilworth, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Cora McParlin, Rochester; Mrs. Augusta Lauber, Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Alice C. Maloney, Dorchester, Mass.; Mrs. Jane Dougherty, Newark, N. J.; Mrs. Estelle F. Schlesinger, Brooklyn; Mrs. Catherine O'Donnell, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

**De Sales High**

By JOHN TOOLE

Approximately 700 persons attended the old time ice cream festival which was held Thursday evening, June 29, on the lawn of the De Sales

High School, Geneva. The event was held as a benefit for the school and was sponsored by the members of the Senior Class and the two Holy Name Societies of St. Stephen's and St. Francis the Sales parishes.

All the attractions of the former festivals which have been held by the parishes were in evidence. The popularity of these events was testified by the large number of people gathered in large numbers on the lawn to partake.

Among the features of the festival were several booths which held the interest of many. There was a blanket booth, a lamp booth, a novelty booth, a juke booth and a fish pond.

Members of the Holy Name Societies of both parishes were in charge of the larger booths and they did their share of business during the evening.

The lawn was attractively lighted with colored and white lights. Benjamin McChesney was in charge of the lighting arrangements.

Proceeds from the festival will be used for the benefit of De Sales High School.

**PERSONAL**

Mrs. Elizabeth Harding of 149 Corona Road is cruising on the Great Lakes aboard Steamship Octorara of the Great Lakes Transit Corporation.

and Miss Margaret M. Carroll, Lakewood, Ohio.

Supreme Auditors are: Mrs. Elizabeth Roman McGrath, Brooklyn; Mrs. Katherine Muth Weiker, Cleveland, Ohio; and Mrs. Elizabeth Fox, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The headquarters of the convention will be at the Hotel Sagamore.

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A letter from China reads as follows: "I remember that I finished my last letter with the hope that some Angel would fly across the Pacific and bring me a check for the long-wanted small chapel. Perhaps he had some mishap with his wings. Perhaps he does not like such orders. I would tell the good Angel that if money is much despised and unwanted by his glorious tribe, alas we missionaries cannot go on without it. Anyhow he has not come so far. But he will make an appearance sooner or later, don't you think so?"

The writer is the missionary of Lou-chou-tono, near Peking, China, and he badly wants \$250 for a chapel. His name is Rev. Martin Van Wagenberg, G. M., and mail reaches him best at Peking, Peking, China. If you wish, of course, we shall gladly transmit your contribution.

**DECORATES MISSIONARY**

Fr. Bourlet, builder of the church which is now the cathedral of the newly-erected vicariate in Annam, and founder of a leper asylum at Tanh-Hoa, has received the decoration of Kim-Kanh from his Majesty Bao-Dai, the young Emperor of Annam.—Fides.

**NEEDS DISPENSARY**

Rev. and Dear Father Mooney,

I am sending you an appeal for a medical dispensary in my Mission and ask you to add to your past kindness by having it printed along with the other appeals issued by your office in the local Catholic Paper.

If nothing more comes of it, at least it will make our needs known. With kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,  
(Rev.) Edward J. Knaebel, C.S.S.P.

**MEDICAL MISSION WORK**

To the primitive native in West Africa nothing happens in life except through the intervention of the spirit world. For him this belief explains the mysteries of nature, and in it he finds the explanation of all sickness and of death itself. He knows nothing about germ life or infection and cares less about sanitary conditions.

When a person falls sick, the first remedy prescribed is a sacrifice, usually of a goat or chicken, to the spirit of his father or mother, as the illness might have been sent for some offense against these spirits. Recourse is then had to the Medicine Man of the village, whose fees are by no means light and must be paid in advance. No modern quack ever held the bag of tricks possessed by these native doctors. While they do prescribe certain remedies of doubtful virtue, such as potions brewed from herbs and roots, or liniments prepared from oil, chalk and leaves, their chief reliance is upon the use of charms which turn away the malignant spirits, and weird incantations which bring the healing spirit into the diseased body.

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As long as the patient is confident of a cure and his faith in the magic power of the doctor remains unshaken, he is cheerful; but should matters grow worse and the disease seem incurable the poor native quickly loses heart and with pitiable resignation awaits the end. Once there is hope of recovery, even the friendly ministrations of the members of the household cease and the wretched invalid is isolated from the rest of the family. He is shut up in a squalid lean-to some six by four feet in size and devoid of any window to admit either light or air. There he lies upon a filthy grass mat, the damp mud floor his couch. A smouldering log at his feet fills the mud hovel with acid fumes, while goats, sheep and fowl wander in and out of the sick room and add to the misery and suffering of the unfortunate victim of disease and superstition.

The sights of human wretchedness which I have witnessed when visiting these poor people in their homes would touch a heart of stone. No human heart can be indifferent to human suffering, even though the afflicted be the least among men. It is true we bring spiritual health and comfort to the soul, but how one longs to cure the suffering body or at least soothe its pain, and how it hurts not to be able to do so.

**Legal Aid Society Has New Location**

The Legal Aid Society moved its offices from the Duffy Powers Building to the Aetna Building at 25 Exchange Street on Friday, June 30, it is announced by Joseph P. MacSweeney, president of the Society.

The change was made necessary by the possibility that the Duffy Powers Building will be closed.

Legal service to the poor of the City, furnished by the Society is now being handled at its new quarters.

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