

Elmira Columbian Squires To Keep 3rd Anniversary

Elmira—Columbian Squires will celebrate their third anniversary with a dance to be held Saturday, February 27, at Columbus Center Ballroom.

Invitations will be issued for the affair which will be semi-formal. Paul Donovan is general chairman, assisted by Lawrence Croighton, Arthur O'Loughlin and Joseph Congdon.

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STERILIZATION STAND GIVEN BY POPE PIUS

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Not for more certainly procuring the strength and health of the future child—which, indeed, is not contrary to right reason—but put eugenics before aims of a higher order, and by public authority wish to prevent from marrying all those who, even though naturally fit for marriage, they consider, according to the norms and conjectures of their investigations, would, through hereditary transmission, bring forth defective offspring and more, they wish to legislate today.

"Those who act in this way are at fault in losing sight of the fact that the family is more sacred than the State and that men are begotten not for the earth and for time, but for heaven and eternity. Although often these individuals are to be dissuaded from entering into matrimony, certainly it is wrong to brand upon men with the stigma of crime because they contract marriage, on the ground that, despite the fact that they are in every way capable of matrimony, they will give birth only to defective children, even though they use all care and diligence.

"Public magistrates have no direct power over the bodies of their subjects, therefore, where no crime has taken place and there is no cause present for grave punishment, they can never directly harm, or tempt with the integrity of the body, either for the reasons of eugenics or for any other reason. St. Thomas teaches this when, inquiring whether human judges for the sake of preventing future evils can inflict punishment, he admits that the power indeed exists as regards the making of the body. No one who is guilty can be punished by a human tribunal either by flogging to death, or mutilation, or by beating.

"Furthermore, Christian doctrine establishes, and the light of human reason makes it most clear, that private individuals have no other powers over the members of their bodies than that which pertains to their natural ends; and they are not free to destroy, or mutilate their members, or in any other way render themselves unfit for their natural functions, except when no other provision can be made for the good of the whole body."

The second document to which His Holiness referred was the decree on "Sex Education" and "Eugenics" issued by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, bearing the date March 18, 1931, which asks: "What is thought of the theory called 'eugenics,' both negative and positive, and of the means indicated by it to improve ecclesiastical laws relative to marriage and individual rights?" The decree then answers: "The theory of 'Eugenics' is to be held entirely blamable, false and condemned, in accordance with the Encyclical on Christian marriage, Casti Connubii, published December 31, 1930."

Parishes in Auburn Organize 7 Teams in Basketball League

Auburn—Seven teams to represent St. Aloysius, St. Alphonsus, St. Mary's, St. Francis d'Assisi, Holy Family, St. Hyacinth's and SS. Peter and Paul Churches were accepted as members of a Catholic Basketball League at a meeting of clergymen and parish representatives this week. It was announced that the Recreational Hall court of St. Alphonsus parish in Water Street will be the scene of all games which will be contested each Wednesday evening.

At the meeting, members of the league were represented by the following priests: Rev. Frederick G. Straub, St. Alphonsus Church; Rev. John B. Crowley, St. Aloysius Church; Rev. Robert H. Fennessy, St. Mary's Church; Rev. Jerome Holubowicz, St. Hyacinth's Church; Rev. Donald M. Cleary, Holy Family Church; Rev. Stephen Pobutsky, SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church; and Rev. Leo Jones, St. Francis d'Assisi Church.

EDITOR TO GIVE RETREAT FOR SOCIAL WORKERS New York—(NCWC)—The annual Cenacle Retreat for Catholic Women Social Workers at the Cenacle of New York this city, will be conducted March 2-4. The Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, S.J., editor of America, will be the Retreat Master. Social workers, professional and volunteer, Catholic and non-Catholic are invited.

Parish School Closing in Clyde Seen By Fr. Curtin If Taxed

Clyde—Declaring that his parishioners already are carrying a burden of double taxation in supporting their own parochial schools and paying their share of taxes in the public school district and that they could not meet additional levies legislators propose to place on churches and schools, the Rev. Joseph V. Curtin, pastor of St. John's Church here in addressing 1,000 people at all Masses Sunday stated that unless relief instead of taxation is received Clyde may see St. John's School closed necessitating the building of a new high school costing upwards of \$500,000.

Asserting that "the limit has been reached" in real estate taxation and considered a law-abiding country, is far ahead of us in that respect. Your youths receive religious training.

"If the church and school taxation materialized it would force us to close our school and send our 270 pupils to the grades in public schools, and that would mean that Clyde would be forced to build a new school to accommodate all of the pupils. As you know a new school has been discussed here.

"Considering that Wolcott, with less population than Clyde, is planning to build a \$400,000 school, Clyde would cost at least \$500,000. This would mean the raising of \$25,000 a year for interest and \$10,000 annually for 50 years on bonds.

"Another \$10,000 would be added to the cost of instructional service because eight extra teachers would have to be engaged to instruct the pupils from our schools, which has between 30 and 35 pupils in each grade," he said.

Reminding his congregation that the \$6 tax rate in the Clyde High School district is the lowest in Wayne County, Father Curtin told them it would skyrocket nearly to the other extreme, a \$25 rate in Macedon, because of the additional \$15,000 to be paid annually for a new school.

"Religious training is indispensable," he declared, "and we need no better proof of it than the lawless, what then?"

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MISSION EXHIBIT EMPHASIZES AMERICAN MISSION GENEROSITY

Anyone who was fortunate enough to view the Bishop Dunn Memorial Mission Exposition held last week in New York City could not help but be inspired to intensify efforts in aiding the missions at home and in foreign fields. The thirty-two exhibits furnished by the various mission societies of priests, nuns and lay brothers were visible evidence of what is going on throughout the world to give to all people the consolation of the religion of Christ.

Lecturers, many experienced veterans from many lands revealed in a fascinating manner the work that is being accomplished. The Exhibit planned by the late Bishop Dunn, auxiliary Bishop of New York before his death, served to grave, beyond doubt, that a reason exists for the activity of the universal church, and that there is a necessity for all supporting the missions.

In the January 20 issue of America the leading article discusses the mission situation today citing figures to show the increasing interest being manifested by Americans in the missions and commending American generosity. The article states in part:

Vocations Increase "One of the most extraordinary developments in the Church in recent years is the great rush of vocations among our young people for the foreign missions. The United States bids fair soon to supplant even France in its missionary effort. We have long been familiar with the generous response of our people in money for missions. We are now surpassing ourselves in giving man power, and woman power, even more generously. To take only the figures with which we happen to be familiar, there are this year 425 American Jesuits laboring on the foreign missions. Many other Orders and Congregations long established here have given their subjects in proportion. Totals are lacking, but they must be not far from 2,000.

"The year 1933 saw a crisis in the Protestant missions. Money has been lacking for salaries, and it is estimated that more than fifty per cent of the Protestant missionaries have been recalled. To add to this, a spiritual crisis beset them, when the Laymen's Appraisal uncovered a sharp division over mission policy, rooted in the wide-spread apostasy from fundamental Christianity that has taken place at home. Laymen are beginning to refuse to support missionaries who are fundamentalists, which most of them are. The idea is spreading that it is better to abandon the religious effort, respect the religions of pagan lands, and confine all effort to medical and social work. The result has been a still further collapse of support.

Youth Joins Movement "The Catholic unity of the Church has spared us this crisis, and, as was to be expected, we are enjoying an uninterrupted growth in the number of missionaries in the foreign fields. Our problem of recruiting is solved. Catholic youth has been so thoroughly

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Women's Chorus To Give Program At St. Anne's Home

The Catholic Women's Club Chorus will give a program at St. Anne's Home for the Aged in Lake Avenue Boulevard Sunday, Jan. 28, at 4:00 p. m. This will be the first appearance of the Chorus under their new director, Raymond J. Hasenauer.

At the Club House next week: Tuesday evening at 8:00 p. m. the Chorus will meet.

Thursday evening the monthly evening card party for men and women will be held with Mrs. Emmett R. Gauthier acting as chairman and Mrs. William M. Stuekel, vice-chairman. They will be assisted by the following ladies: The Misses Agnes Eckert and Gertrude Gauthier, Mrs. Agnes Paskal, Mrs. Frederick Odenbach, Mrs. John Odenbach, Mrs. William T. Nolan, Mrs. Arthur Braver, Mrs. Henry Utz, Mrs. Charles Reichert, Mrs. William Young and Mrs. Leonard Vogel. After the games, coffee and cakes will be served.

Hostesses for the weekly Friday afternoon card party and tea this week will be: Mrs. Frederick Odenbach, chairman, Mrs. Joseph Ochs, Mrs. Emmett Gaultin, Mrs. John Odenbach, Mrs. Charles Odenbach, Mrs. Charles Ward, Mrs. William Young, Mrs. Raymond Healy, Mrs. Joseph Ernst, Mrs. Charles Reichert, Mrs. John Neubert, Mrs. Leonard Vogel, Mrs. Leo McIntire, Miss Elizabeth Whalen, Miss Minnie McCoy and Mrs. John Callahan.

Friday evening the Mission Group will meet.

On Sunday afternoon, February 5th, members of Girl Scout Troop 34 of the Club will entertain their mothers and friends at afternoon tea at the Club House.

Two Parishes Combine To Hold Party Feb. 8 At St. Francis Hall

St. Francis Xavier and St. Philip Neri Churches will hold their annual 'Get Together Party' in St. Francis Xavier Hall on Bay Street on Thursday evening, February 8. The party is under the sponsorship of the Holy Name Societies of both churches and is in the form of a reunion of parishioners and former parishioners. Many are attending in costumes of the gay nineties. Various prizes will be awarded for the costumes capturing the eyes of the judges.

As a special feature, Al Sign of the Times Union, will tell some of his experiences as a newsreader. Entertainment will be furnished for those so inclined. Old and new music will be provided by a capable orchestra. Edward Nagle will be the master of ceremonies, insuring all of a pleasant evening. Refreshments will be served.

Friends and former parishioners are cordially invited to partake of the merrymaking and to renew old acquaintances.

Nazareth Hall Invites Friends to Card Party

Annual Card Party will be held in the Nazareth Hall Auditorium, Raines Pk., Friday evening, January 26, at 8:30 o'clock, for the benefit of Nazareth Hall.

Miss Clara Feely and committees are in charge of the affair. Patrons and friends of Nazareth Hall are invited.

Assisting Miss Feely are: Prizes, Mrs. Albert Hamm, chairman; Mrs. Philip Vaeth, Mrs. Frank Byrne; Mrs. George Welch and Mrs. F. J. Brayer; refreshments, Mrs. William Edelman, chairman; Mrs. W. C. Guncheon, Mrs. D. Meagher, Mrs. J. G. Klee, Mrs. W. B. Leonard, Mrs. Philip Vaeth, Mrs. J. Culhane, Miss Florence Amberg, Mrs. James O'Neill, Mrs. Walter May, and Mrs. Bernard Wegman.

Reception, Mrs. Andrew J. Schell, chairman; Mrs. Forrest Robbins, Mrs. Webb Malley, Mrs. F. J. Brayer, Mrs. John Hedges, Mrs. John Curtin, Mrs. Hamlet A. Smyth and Mrs. Lawrence Cleary.

C. Y. M. A. Expects 200 At Annual Pig Roast

More than 200 members and friends are expected to attend the annual Pig Roast of the Catholic Young Men's Association to be held Monday evening starting at 7:00 P. M. in the Club's Gymnasium, 51 Franklin Square.

Appearance of Snake On Altar Interrupts Mass; Slain By Priest

Ranchi, India—(NCWC-Fides)—A snake, four feet long, creeping among the flower vases and candle sticks of the altar, was espied by a missionary here while celebrating Mass, a few moments after the Consecration.

He covered the host with the paten inverted with the book on top, took the chalice in his hands and reverently descended the altar steps. He beckoned to another Father and told him of the intruder. The other priest took a stick and coaxed the snake to the floor behind the altar where he pinned it and killed it. The celebrant then quietly went back to the altar and went on with the Mass.

Auburn High To Meet H. Family Loop Team

Auburn—What may develop into one of the greatest scholastic rivalries in the history of local sports will be launched Thursday evening, February 1, when Auburn Senior High School's varsity and Holy Family High School's New York-Pennsylvania Parochial Basketball League teams clash at the Armory court, a neutral floor. Both teams have won three and lost five games this season.

During the past years scholastic honors in all athletic competition have been conferred on Auburn Academic High School. Under the sponsorship of Rev. William E. Davis, principal, Holy Family organized a basketball team two years ago, and Joseph Curtin, former Niagara University athlete, was appointed coach. The pupils of Father Davis have branched out and are now considered one of the best quints of its class in this section.

Auburn Thespians Working on Future Comedy Offerings

The Lyceum Players of St. Mary's Church, Auburn, will make their debut for this year on Sunday afternoon and Monday evening, January 28 and 29, in the four-act comedy, 'My Irish Cinderella.' The presentations will be in Lyceum Hall, Clark and Green Streets.

The Little Theater Players of Auburn, under the direction of Rev. Donald M. Cleary, assistant pastor of Holy Family Church, will present as their initial offering of the 1934 season, A. E. Mason's 'Green Stockings,' a three-act dramatic comedy. The play will be given on the evenings of February 5 and 6 with a children's matinee Sunday afternoon, February 4.

Baldachin Altar Reproduced in Wood By Choir Director

Using only tools he had available, Antonius De Surra, 1 Warren Street, musician and choir director of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Henrietta, and St. Catherine's Church, Mendon, has just finished reproducing in wood, a model of the Baldachin altar of St. Andrew's Church, Pasadena, Cal., which he has dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. This spare time effort was started in June of last year. The entire miniature is made of white pine, maple and press wood and is surrounded by a cross carved by hand. It stands three feet high and was reproduced from a magazine picture of the original.

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SECOND INDIA PILGRIMAGE Madras, India—(NCWC-Fides)—A second pilgrimage, which will be led by Archbishop Medarist of Madras, will sail from India for Rome in March. The enthusiasm of the pilgrims of the first group, who returned early in December, has excited in many the desire to make the Jubilee visit to the Eternal City. The members of the second pilgrimage will be much more numerous than the first, as the steamship which has been chartered has been engaged.

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